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Hospital security guards carry a student injured during a Taliban attack on a school in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Tuesday, Dozens were killed and wounded in the assault on the military school in the northwestern Pakistani city in the latest militant violence to hit the already troubled region.

## Why uniformed military balked at 'enhanced interrogation'

By JON HARPER Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — More than a decade before the Senate intelligence committee released its report on the CIA's post-9/11 interrogation practices, the U.S. military's top lawyers were warning that "enhanced interrogation 2003 after then-Secretary of De-

techniques" were legally questionable, likely ineffectual and could expose American troops to criminal prosecution and torture at the hands of their own captors.

Those warnings, similar to the findings of the report that was released Dec. 9, came in the form of several memos generated in early fense Donald Rumsfeld tasked a Defense Department working group with conducting a legal review of the proposed techniques, including waterboarding and sleep deprivation.

At the time, the services were pushing back against the Department of Justice legal counsel, which argued in the "torture memos" that the Geneva Conventions on treatment of prisoners of war did not apply to suspected terrorists held at Guantanamo Bay. Supporters of the tough new techniques argued that al-Qaida and other Islamic extremists were "unlawful combatants" rather than prisoners of war like the Germans and the Japanese in World War II.

"I question whether this theory would ultimately prevail in either U.S. courts or in any interna-tional forum," Maj. Gen. Thomas Romig, Army judge advocate general at the time, wrote in a March 2003 memo to the Department of the Air Force general counsel.

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"A lot of the technologies that we think of as being clean ... are not better than gasoline."

- Julian Marshall, an engineering professor at the University of Minnesota, discussing the advantages of powering cars with gas rather than electricity

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### **MILITARY**

## Military suicides decline slightly

## Further significant decrease needed to achieve reduction from 2013 numbers

By WYATT OLSON Stars and Strines

The number of suicides by active-duty, Reserve and National Guard servicemembers during the second quarter of 2014 declined by about 5 percent from the first three months of the year, dropping from 74 deaths to 70.

The number of suicides during the last half of this year would need to decline considerably to fall below the 254 suicides reported in 2013, based on information released last week on the Department of Defense Quarterly Suicide Report.

Both the rate and number of suicides declined from 2012 to 2013 but the death rate among Marines and soldiers — active, Reserve and National Guard was particularly high.

Active-duty Marines and soldiers had a suicide rate of about 23 deaths per 100,000 servicemembers in 2013, compared with 12.5 suicides per 100,000 overall in the United States in 2012, the most recent rate calculated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The suicide rate among sailors also has increased this year. So far, 63 sailors - 48 on active duty and 15 reservists - have committed suicide this year, compared with 46 suicides last year, 41 active duty and five reservists.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert told Stars and Stripes recently that suicides have not dropped off the radar, despite increased focus on combating sexual assault

"This is a real, hard problem," he said, "We've got to continue to work on the resiliency of our sailors." Greenert said one of the big-

gest challenges has been identifying a thread - suicides in the Navy have varied in rank, age and deployment status.

Navy officials said a continued focus must be placed on developing supportive peers and leaders and the importance of seeking help. It's an effort the Navy plans to emphasize with next year's bystander intervention training, which is currently a key component of the Navy's sexual assault prevention

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> Jonathan areas Greenert Army chief of Naval ask, Operations you saved a

Jacqueline Garrick, acting director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office, said in a Pentagon statement that fear of career damage re-

enabling people who fear they prevent suicide that relies heavmay be jeopardizing their career to reach out for care." ily on peer intervention.

The most common stressors linked to suicide among servicemembers are financial and relationship problems, depression and abuse, she said.

mains one of the major obstacles

to servicemembers seeking coun-

stigma of getting help," she said.

"So there's been an increase in

first-level, peer-to-peer groups,

which have made a difference in

"The goal is to eliminate the

seling and treatment.

On Monday, Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., blocked a military suicide prevention bill named after former Marine Clay Hunt, an Iraq and Afghanistan veteran who killed himself in 2011.

For immediate help regarding suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800 273-8255.

Stars and Stripes reporter Hendrick Simoes contributed to this report. olson.wyatt@stripes.com

## Lawmaker blocks bill on veterans' suicide prevention

By MATTHEW DALY The Associated Press

WASHINGTON groups blasted Oklahoma Sen. Tom Coburn Monday for blocking a bill intended to reduce a suicide epidemic that claims the lives of 22 military veterans every day.

"This is why people hate Washington," said Paul Rieckhoff, CEO and founder of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, an ad-

vocacy group. Rieckhoff accused Coburn of single-handedly blocking a bill that could save the lives of thousands of veterans.

Coburn, a Republican, is retiring after 10 years in the Senate. In a floor speech Monday night, he defended his actions, saying the bill would not accomplish its stated goal and duplicates pro-



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Sen. Tom Coburn

grams that already exist.

Instead of passing the \$22 million bill, Coburn said lawmakers should hold the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable for frequently failing to serve veterans.

"I don't think this bill would do the first thing to change what's happening" in terms of veterans' suicides. Coburn said.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., called the bill a targeted measure that would help ensure that programs to prevent veterans' suicide work as expected.

The bill would require the Pentagon and Veterans Affairs Department to submit to independent reviews of their suicide prevention programs.

It also would establish a website to provide information on mental health services available to veterans, offer financial incentives to psychiatrists who agree pilot program to assist veterans transitioning from active duty to veteran status

Senate Majority Harry Reid. D-Nev., supported the measure in personal terms, noting that his father committed suicide. "I know firsthand of the heartbreak caused by the needless, preventable death of a loved one," Reid said.

The House approved the bill last week. The measure is named for Clay Hunt, an Iraq and Afghanistan veteran from Houston who killed himself in 2011. Hunt's parents appealed to Coburn last week to withdraw his objection, but he declined.

Blumenthal said he would reintroduce the bill in the new Congress if the measure fails this week





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#### **MILITARY**



Courtesy of NASCAR

Lawmakers have cut the National Guard's advertising budget by \$13.8 million. In August, the Guard announced it was ending its soonsorship of NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., shown Feb. 15.

## Guard's auto racing ad budget cut

BY TOM VANDEN BROOK USA Today

WASHINGTON - Congress has stripped funding for the Army National Guard's sponsorship of motor sports following revelations that advertising on race cars did little to generate recruits.

Lawmakers cut the Guard's advertising budget by \$13.8 million, the same amount the service had requested to sponsor race cars. said Maj. Earl Brown, a Guard spokesman.

"Aggressive recruiting is key to maintaining the strength of our military, but Congress has a responsibility to ensure that every taxpayer dollar spent produces measurable results, especially in an environment of diminishing recruiting budgets," Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said in a statement. McCaskill led a Senate panel that examined Guard spending on recruiting and contracting.

"For too long the Army National Guard maintained sports sponsorships that failed to reach target recruiting demographics and provided less value per dollar than other forms of market-- so it's my hope the Guard will be encouraged to take a hard look at better more cost effective ways to get the right return on their investment.

In August, the Guard announced that it was ending its sponsorships of Dale Earnhardt Jr., of NASCAR, and Graham Rahal in the Verizon IndvCar Series. In 2014, the Guard spent \$105 million on advertising aimed at attracting recruits and enhancing its image. That included sponsorships for NASCAR that cost \$32 million and \$12 million on IndvCar.

USA Today reported in February that the Guard had spent \$26.5 million to sponsor NASCAR in 2012 but failed to sign up a single new recruit. Senate briefing documents show that the Guard received 24,800 recruiting prosnects from the program in 2012.

Prospects indicated the NAS-CAR affiliation made them seek information about the Guard. Of that group, 20 met the Guard's qualifications for entry into the service. Not one of them joined From 2011 to 2013, the cost of

the Guard's NASCAR sponsorships totaled \$88 million. The Guard has said its spon-

sorship of NASCAR was aimed at building "brand awareness" for the service.

The Army National Guard fell just shy of meeting its recruiting targets, according to the latest Pentagon figures. It filled 97 percent of slots needed to meet its

Scandal has plagued Army National Guard recruiting this vear. Investigators have looked at more than 800 soldiers for possible criminal charges for gaming a Guard program that paid hundreds of millions in bonuses to soldiers who persuaded friends to sign up during the peak war years in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As much as \$100 million may have been paid in fraudulent claims, with one soldier allegedly pocketing \$275,000 in illegal

## **Bill would install** mental experts on discharge boards

By Josh Hicks The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Military personnel facing a less-thanhonorable discharge would have their cases reviewed by at least one mental health professional under the defense spending bill that Congress sent to President Barack Obama late last week.

The requirement, attached to this year's National Defense Authorization Act, was inspired by war veteran Kristofer Goldsmith who says he was removed from service without a proper diagnosis.

Goldsmith deployed to Iraq in 2005, focusing on intelligence reporting from the field. He participated in more than 300 combat missions, and his duties included photographing victims of torture found in a mass grave.

He attempted suicide shortly before a scheduled second deployment, and the Army discharged him for "Misconduct: Serious Offense," a status that made him ineligible for student aid through the Post-9/11 GI

The Department of Veterans Affairs diagnosed Goldsmith with post-traumatic stress disorder two months after his removal.

The defense spending bill would require at least one mental health expert to sit on military review boards that review discharges. It also would require the Defense Department to correct the records of any veterans who were improperly removed from service.

The goal is to prevent the government from unfairly denying access to benefits that troops earn through military service, including VA medical care, disability checks and student aid.

"This will benefit veterans from every generation - past, present and future," Goldsmith said in a statement Friday. Sens. Jon Tester, D-Mont.;

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Kristofer Goldsmith Iran War veteran

Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.; and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who represents Goldsmith's home state, sponsored the discharge provision as a standalone bill and pressed to include it in the defense spending bill. "We must ensure that the men

and women of our military who risk their lives to protect our country receive the care they earned." Gillibrand said Friday. "Too many of our servicemembers have been discharged as a result of an undiagnosed or improperly diagnosed mental health condition.

Goldsmith applied twice to an Army review board to have his status upgraded to honorable discharge, but the panel denied his appeals. At his last hearing, a physician with no background in mental health was called as an expert witness to review his mental health files.

"Justice is finally within reach for the countless veterans who, like me, have been inappro-priately discharged from the military due to improperly or undiagnosed service-related ill-nesses and injuries," he said in his statement.

After seven years of treatment from the VA, Goldsmith is recovering from post-traumatic stress disorder and attending Nassau Community College in New York under the school's vocational rehabilitation program.

## Defendants sentenced in phony parts scheme

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - An Oregon defense contractor was ordered to pay \$5 million in restitution, and five key figures were sentenced Friday in a case that involved the sale of millions of dollars worth of phony parts for attack helicopters and military vehicles to the U.S. government.

U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman noted that Kustom Products Inc. of Coos Bay wasn't selling pencils or toilet seats, but military parts. One of the parts was a locknut that secures the rotor on the Kiowa attack helicopter.

The company founder and owner, Harold R. Bettencourt II.

60 was sentenced to 31/2 years in prison. The Oregonian reported. Bettencourt's two oldest sons

Harold R. Bettencourt III, 34, and Nick Bettencourt, 32, were sentenced to a little more than two vears each for their roles.

A younger brother, Peter Bettencourt, 28, got a year and a day in prison. Office manager Margo Densmore, 43, also got a year and

The judge placed Kustom Products, also charged in the conspiracy, on five years of probation and ordered the company to pay \$5 million in restitution and a \$150,000 fine

The government and defense lawyers negotiated a deal under which Kustom Products could remain open and make yearly payments on the \$5 million. As long as the company makes its payments on time, those sent to prison on Friday won't be required to chip

When the key defendants pleaded guilty in July to conspiracy to defraud the United States, authorities said the company lied to the Defense Department to secure 750 contracts worth \$10 million from 2006 through 2010. Kustom Products was able to undercut bids from other companies by substituting phony parts for genuine parts and produced phony records to cover up the substitution. the government said.

#### Army officer sentenced for desertion in 2009

FORT DRUM, N.Y. - A U.S. Army officer who served in the French Foreign Legion after deserting his unit has been sentenced to four years in prison.

The New York Times reported that 2nd Lt. Lawrence J. Franks Jr., 28, was also dismissed from the Army during sentencing Monday at Fort Drum, home to the 10th Mountain Division.

Franks, a 2008 graduate of the

U.S. Military Academy, deserted his post in northern New York in 2009 and went to France, where he signed a five-year contract under an assumed name to serve in the Foreign Legion.

U.S. military officials said Franks deserted to avoid deployment to Afghanistan. His lawyers said Franks was struggling with depression and was suicidal.

Franks, of Damascus, Ore., turned himself in to the U.S. Army in Germany earlier this vear.

From The Associated Press

## War/Military

## Little to change after Afghan 'turning point'

By Josh Smith Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan - President Barack Obama declared this week that the U.S. military has reached a "turning point," but when NATO's military coalition begins a new mission in Afghanistan at the end of the month, little is likely to change for the thousands of troops whose deployment extends into next year.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force and the U.S. government have emphasized that the transition to Op-

eration Resolute ANALYSIS Support marks

the end of international troops' combat mission in Afghanistan, as the new mission is focused primarily on training and advising. Defining the difference between the two missions may be largely semantics.

For more than a year now, coalition forces have already been transitioning to a more training-centered mission, with progressively fewer units dedicated to offensive operations. That, combined with Obama's decision to allow American troops deployed as part of the new Resolute Sunport mission to engage in combat operations in certain circumstances, means foreign forces here now will see few major changes when the transition occurs That decision appears to have

been motivated in part by the worrying parallels to Iraq, where the



President Barack Obama, right foreground, meets troops at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., on Monday to note the approaching end of combat operations in Afghanistan.

U.S.-trained army was left without outside support after the withdrawal of American forces at the end of 2011. The army promptly collapsed last summer in the face of a surprise offensive by a small force of well-armed and well-financed Islamic militants who quickly occupied Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, along with wide swathes of territory in the north and west.

"The time of deploying large ground forces with big military footprints to engage in nation building overseas, that's coming to an end," Obama told 3,000 troops Monday at New Jersey's Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, a launching point for deployments to Afghanistan.

Resolute Support, which will have about 12,000 troops, roughly 10,000 of them American, is aimed at "training, advising, and assisting" Afghan forces.

What exactly "assisting" will look like is not entirely clear. Obama recently signed an order opening the door to continued American combat operations in coming years, such as when troops are threatened. Also, the coalition told Stars and Stripes recently it intends to provide air support to Afghan units if requested. A certain number of special operations units will also be tasked with combating any al-Qaida elements.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Frank Hartnett, an ISAF spokesman, said the coalition still intends to "cease combat operations" while focusing on the challenge of advising Afghans in high positions such as in the various ministries.

"Soon, we will case the ISAF colors and remove our ISAF natches and we'll unfurl the RS hanner and replace the natches on our uniforms," he told Stars and Stripes in an email statement.

"Thanks to proper planning and consistent effort, many units are already well on their way to the RSM transition. Due to the size and scope of ISAF's responsibilities a carefully planned drawdown was needed to ensure a smooth transfer to our next mission '

Coalition casualties dropped drastically as offensive combat operations have been curtailed over the past year. But combat, while less of a focus, has remained a constant possibility for the heavily armed NATO servicemembers in Afghanistan, Now, the continuing — and in some areas increasing — violence in Afghanistan, aimed both at Afghan forces and at foreigners, means foreign troops will still face daily risks.

On Sunday, the Department of Defense identified two American soldiers who died Friday in an attack near Bagram Air Field north of Kabul. U.S. Army Spc. Wyatt J. Martin, of Mesa, Ariz., and Sgt. 1st Class Ramon S. Morris, of New York, were killed when a roadside bomb hit their vehicle. At least 2,212 American servicemembers have died in Afghanistan since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001, according to a tally by The Associated Press

Such incidents, as well as socalled insider attacks by Afghan forces, are likely to remain a daily concern for troops, even if they aren't engaged in offensive combat operations.

The international military effort will be different than it was during the high points of "the surge" beginning in 2010 when tens of thousands of American and allied troops fought hard battles against entrenched insurgents. Years later, that insurgency is still a threat and the roughly 350,000 Afghan forces NATO will be advising are taking fearful casualties.

Standing back and advising as the conflict continues unabated may be a difficult personal transition for some troops who experienced the heated fighting of past years, Army Maj. Gen. John Murray, deputy commander for sup-port at U.S. Forces Afghanistan, said in a statement last week "We've been in and out of this

country for 13 years, and now the biggest change is the mindset,' Murray said. "Soldiers are coming back for their third or fourth rotation, but this is going to be fundamentally different. Those coming to the command need to approach it with a fresh perspective and an open mind."

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## Afghan army deploys to turn back major Taliban attack

By Carlo Munoz Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan - Taliban insurgents launched a massive attack against local security forces in eastern Kunar province. and Afghan army units have been deployed to repulse the assault, officials said Tuesday.

Fighting broke out Sunday in Dangam district near the Pakistani border when fighters allied with the Pakistan-based Tehreeke-Taliban attempted to infiltrate Afghanistan, Kunar province's police chief, Abdul Habib Saidkhail, said.

"About 2.000 insurgents are involved in the fight," Saidkhail said in a telephone interview.

Since Sunday, hundreds of local Afghan volunteers have poured into Dangam to shore up the district's defenses, he added.

The battle in Kunar coincided with a deadly Taliban suicide attack Tuesday on a Pakistani military-run school in Peshawar. leaving more than 120 dead, more than 80 of them children. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the massacre, saying the attack was in response to Islamabad's counterterrorism operations in the North Waziristan border region.

Kunar province, among others that dot the area along the Pakistan border, has been one of the most violent regions of Afghanistan throughout the 13-year war. The eastern provinces, long known to be safe havens for insurgents operating on both sides of the border, were the last areas handed over to Afghan security forces in June.

In Dangam, the security forces and Afghan locals have killed 18 insurgents and wounded 28 in intense fighting, Saidkhail said, adding that "there are mostly Pakistani armed men" among the wounded and dead.

He said security officials in Dangam have requested reinforcements from the Afghan National Army.

On Tuesday, Afghan defense officials in Kabul confirmed that army units had moved into the district and were engaged in combat. Ministry officials said five Afghan soldiers have been killed and four wounded.

The Afghan army's response in Dangam has been bogged down by mines and bombs planted by the Talihan along the main roads to deny access to the district. Saidkhail said

U.S. forces in eastern Afghanistan are "providing support to the ANSF in a noncombat role and providing information on battlefield conditions," International Security Assistance Force spokes-International man Capt. Frank Hartnett said Tuesday.

U.S. troops from 3rd Infantry Division are based at Tactical Base Gamberi in eastern Afghanistan. one of three new "Train, Advise, Assist Commands" created by the ISAF to support operations in the country. The new commands are part of the coalition's new mission focused on training and advising the Afghan army and police after most foreign ground forces withdraw from Afghanistan at the end of December

A three-week snate of bombings in Kabul and elsewhere in the country, including those specifically targeting foreign guest houses and a British Embassy convoy, have raised tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan in the run-up to the ISAF's December deadline

Gen Mohammad Zahir said last month the explosive material used in most of the recent Kabul attacks was "military grade" ordnance used by the Pakistani military.

Kabul police spokesman Hashmatullah Stanakzai confirmed Zahir's comments to Stars and Stripes, tying Pakistan to the ongoing inquiry into the attacks. Stanakzai said the weapons and materials used in the strikes were consistent with those used by foreign terrorist organizations, including those based in Pakistan.

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#### **MILITARY**

## **Torture:** Military lawyers had concerns about tactics in 2003

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Maj. Gen. Jack Rives, the deputy judge advocate general of the Air Force at the time, echoed those concerns. He wrote in a Feb-ruary 2003 memo that several of the proposed techniques "on their face, amount to violations of domestic and criminal law and the

UCMJ (e.g., assault)." He wrote that other countries would probably consider the techniques as violations of international law and their own national laws, placing interrogators "and the chain of command at risk of criminal accusations" at home and abroad.

Romig, now retired from the military, said concerns about overseas arrest and prosecution are still valid, and those connected with the CIA's enhanced interrogation program could still be at

"Torture is an international crime. It has no statute of limitations. I would not, if I were those people, travel to a foreign counhe told Stars and Stripes in a telephone interview. The lawyers also warned in the memos that abandoning the Geneva Conventions went against American values and could lead to the torture of captured American troops.

"If it's OK for us to [torture], why wasn't it OK for the Germans and the Japanese to do it [during World War II]?" Romig asked in the interview. "Why wouldn't it be OK for our next combatant in the future - whoever that might be to do it against us?"

The Army brass shared a simi-

lar view, according to Romig. "There was a pretty solid consensus, certainly among the lead-ership, that we shouldn't be doing this at all," he said. "I think that's where they lose sleep when they think that, because of these kinds of activities, there's a possibility that this will be done against our own" troops.

Supporters of the techniques, including former Vice President Dick Cheney and CIA Director John Brennan, defended the program, saying it provided valuable intelligence in the months after 9/11 and helped prevent new attacks — a claim disputed in the Senate report.

Doubts about the effectiveness of torture in obtaining reliable information were raised early on by military lawyers, Romig said. In a 2003 memo, he wrote that information obtained under torture "may be of questionable practical value," later citing the experience of U.S. servicemembers captured in Korea and Vietnam who were tortured into making false confessions for propaganda purposes.

Another concern among military lawyers was that changing the rules for interrogation of 'high value' detainees at Guantanamo might lead to abuses of lesser prisoners in other conflict zones - a fear that appeared to have been borne out in Iraq's Abu Ghraib



diers, most of them enlisted. were later convicted of vari-ous offenses stemming from prisoner abuse

"While the detainees' status as an unlawful bel-

ligerent may not entitle them to the protections of the Geneva Conventions, that is a legal distinction that may be lost on the members of the armed forces," wrote Rives. who is now retired from the military. He warned that approving exceptional interrogation tech niques "may be seen as giving official approval and legal sanction" to methods which the U.S. armed services "have heretofore been trained are unlawful.

Romig believes that the welldocumented abuse of prisoners in Iraq at the hands of American troops stemmed from confusion in the lower ranks about what was legal and what was not.

Once they let the cat out of the hag that the rules were beginning to slip (at Guantanamo), then people learned of that - learned of it through rumor, learned of it through people who had been assigned to Guantanamo and then came to Iraq. And it caused a lack of respect for the rules, a lack of respect for the law, and ... it really made it much more chaotic and it loosened the discipline that needs to be in place for interrogators,' he said in the interview.

Even before the Abu Ghraib scandal erupted, top military lawyers had warned that revelations of American torture could backfire and undermine support for

"Should any information concerning the exceptional techniques become public, it ... could have a negative impact on international. and perhaps domestic, support for the war on terrorism. It could likewise have a negative impact on public perception of the U.S. military in general," Rives wrote in the February 2003 memo.

In the wake of the Abu Ghraib

prison scandal, the Army revised its Field Manual to clarify that a number of harsh tactics were against regulations.

Defenders of the program have cited the public alarm in the wake of the 9/11 attacks and the widespread fears at the time that al-Qaida was planning a second, even deadlier, wave of assaults.

"I have no problem, as long as we achieve our objective and our objective is to get the guys who did 9/11 and it is to avoid another attack against the United States," Cheney said Sunday on NBC's 'Meet the Press."

Cheney disputed that the techniques amounted to torture.
"Well, torture to me ...

American citizen on a cellphone making a last call to his four young daughters shortly before he burns to death in the upper levels of the trade center on 9/11, Chenev said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." There's "this notion that somehow there is moral equivalence between what the terrorists did and what we do. and that is absolutely not true. We were very careful to stop short of torture. The Senate has seen fit to label their report 'torture,' but we worked hard to stay short of that definition.

According to a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll conduct-ed after the Senate intelligence committee report was released, a majority of Americans believe that the CIA's treatment of detainees was justified. A majority also believe that, going forward, there may be cases where torture is warranted, according to the poll.

Romig is concerned that at some point in the future, civilian leaders might once again authorize torture if faced with similar grave threats.

"There are a lot of people out there - most of them uninformed about the military, uninformed about interrogation - who think that anything is justified in defense of the country," he said.

He said if it were up to the military, "We'll go to extreme ends to defend the country, but we're not going to put ourselves down in the gutter with the people we're fighting to do that."

## **Poll finds US OK** with CIA program

By ADAM GOLDMAN AND PEYTON CRAIGHILL

The Washington Post WASHINGTON - A major-

ity of Americans believe that the harsh interrogation techniques used on terrorism suspects after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were justified, even as about half the public says the treatment amounted to torture. according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

By an almost 2-1 margin, or 59-to-31 percent, those interviewed support the CIA's brutal methods, with the majority of supporters saying they produced valuable intelligence.

In general, 58 percent say the torture of suspected terrorists can be justified "often" or "sometimes.

The new poll comes on the heels of a scathing Senate Intelligence Committee investigation into the CIA's detention and interrogation program, which President Barack Obama ended in 2009. The report concluded that controversial interrogation techniques were not an effective means of acquiring intelligence.

The report also found that more than two dozen detainees were wrongly held, that the program was poorly managed and that the CIA misled top U.S. officials about the effectiveness of the program

Fifty-four percent of the public agrees with this sentiment, saying the CIA intentionally misled the White House, Congress and the American people about its activities Fifty-three percent

Americans say the CIA's harsh interrogation of suspected terrorists produced important information that could not have been obtained any other way, while 31 percent say it did not. Among those who were unconvinced was Lori Skeen, 56, of Covington, Ky., who said she opposed torture on principle.

The U.S. is not supposed to be that way," said Skeen, who described herself as an independent voter. "We are not like other countries that do torture. We supposedly don't do that. It makes us look bad."
The Justice Department

ruled out the possibility that CIA personnel could face prosecution because of their involvement in the program. Just a third of Americans believe criminal charges should be filed against officials responsible for the interrogations.

The Senate report was strongly criticized by Republican members of the Intelligence Committee. Despite voting to make it public, Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, the ranking Republican on the committee, has said the report was "ideologically motivated."

The public has apparently seized on such comments. Forty-seven percent say the report was "unfair" to the CIA and 52 percent say it was wrong to release it Views on the CIA's tactics

break down sharply along ideological lines. Liberal Democrats are most disgusted with the agency's actions, while conservative Republicans are most likely to defend it. The Post-ABC poll was con-

ducted by telephone Dec. 11 to Dec. 14, among a random national sample of 1,000 adults. The poll had a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.



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#### Pacific

## Little known of Kim except he's in charge

By Ashley Rowland Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Three years ago, he was a question mark, so unknown that the world had to guess at his age.

Today, analysts still know little about Kim Jong Un, particularly in a reclusive outcast of a country that roars like a lion and tightly controls its media and people. It's a volatile combination that leaves world leaders wondering and worrying about what's really going on in Pyongyang.

Would Kim really use the North's expanding nuclear weapons and missile programs to attack South Korea and the United States — knowing it would mean almost certain destruction of North Korea? Or might he sell such weapons to terrorists to prop up the poverty-wracked economy?

Or is he just a young guy who was thrust into power and is still learning the ropes in a regime where he has essentially been deifited by the same machinery that created a cult of personality for his father and grandfather, a place where people spy on their own families and perceived deviation from the party line can mean life in a prison camp or execution?

About the only thing that analysts say appears clear — and even that is subject to debate — is that Kim is firmly in charge for now, proving that a third-generation communist succession can work, at least in North Korea.

#### Assuming power

Kim assumed power following his father's sudden death from a heart attack on Dec. 17, 2011. While there were faint hopes that the country might open up more and become less belligerent, they were overwhelmed by doubts that the young, chubbycheeked ruler would exercise real control or be anything more than a figurehead in the family dynasty.

"He's probably surpassed expectations,

"He's probably surpassed expectations, in pure power terms," said John Delury, an expert on North Korea at Yonsei University in Seoul. "He came in as the youngest head of state probably on the planet, in a culture that values age and seniority and in a political system with lots of powerful people well over 60 years old."

"It tells us a bit about him and a bit about their system — even if you're young, whoever is in that function of hereditary ruler —lots of people are going to make it work," he said.

Educated in Switzerland, Kim Jong II's youngest son and chosen successor was believed to be in his late 20s when he came to power. In the years since, he has been shown by North Korean state media accompanied by a wife and has met repeatedly with Dennis Rodman, a move that may say more about his penchant for basketball than his political acumen.

Kim is also the subject of "The Interview," a U.S. film starring Seth Rogen and James Franco, that depicts a plot to assassinate the dictator. The upcoming Christmas Day release of the film has prompted heated complaints from the North for months and led to speculation that Pyongyang may be behind a cyberattack on Sony Pictures, which is releasing the film. The North has denied its involvement.

Experts say there are no signs that Kim will abandon the nation's nuclear program or military-first policy, prompting U.S. government and military officials to repeatedly assess him as dangerous.

"Kim Jong Un, unlike his father, is overconfident and unpredictable," U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti said last month. "Realizing he cannot win in a conventional war. he has focused



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North Koreans gather at Mansu Hill near statues of the late leaders Kim II Sung and Kim Jong II in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Tuesday, a day before the third anniversary of the death of Kim Jong II.

his military's development on training on asymmetric capabilities ... and I would tell you that the North Korean military is making progress in these areas."

Analysts say Kim, now believed to be about 30, has matured as a leader, developing a style markedly different from that of his more reticent father.

Carl Baker, director of programs for Pacific Forum CSIS, said the North has tried to portray Kim as engaged and decisive, more similar in personality to the gregarious Kim II Sung, his grandfather and revered founder of the country.

#### Strong or weak leader?

While the youngest Kim clearly has some of his grandfather's personality traits, Baker said, it remains unclear whether he is a strong or weak leader, and whether the image put forth by North Korean propaganda meets reality.

"There's a certain amount of confidence that you see in Kim Jong Un that I don't think you ever saw in Kim Jong II — that's being willing to get out and go to the amusement park and show that public face of happiness," Baker said. "Kim Jong II was always serious, working and always discreet in how he moved around in public.

"Part of it is personality, and the other part is just the fact that he's young and that he was educated in the West," Baker said. "He knows how the rest of the world works, and he has a much better understanding of it."

Kim's disappearance from the public eye for more than a month in the fall sparked rumors that he had fallen seriously ill, been ousted from power or faced a significant internal challenge to his authority. He reappeared in October, carrying a cane and smilling as he toured a housing complex.

Perhaps the most significant event in Kim's tenure was the December 2013 execution of Jang Song Thaek, Kim's uncle and close adviser.

Baker said Jang "clearly got on the wrong side of somebody," but cautioned against drawing conclusions on why he was executed.

"I think one of the most puzzling pieces to me is what's really happening with the replacement of senior people, and the appearance of these senior folks who sort of come and go," he said. "Whatever happened with Jang Song Thaek and exactly what the relationship is with the different factions is something that I don't understand, but I think it's fairly important."

Paik Hak-soon, of the Sejong Institute, said Jang's ouster "sent a very clear message to the people at home and abroad that Kim Jong Un is not a young and inexperienced leader."

The reason for Jang's execution is still debated by experts. Earlier that year, the North carried out its third nuclear test, opening a period of particularly virulent threats during U.S.-South Korean military exercises. The U.S. responded by sending nuclear attack submarines and flying nuclear-capable B-52 bombers and stealth bombers to the peninsula in an unusually open show of force to the North.

Kim's willingness to skirt the edge of war likely raised his stature both within the regime and abroad.

"By threatening war and missile attacks, he certainly became a leader who can risk anything, who can risk a war." Paik said. "He turned from a young and inexperienced leader to a very threatening personality."

#### **Emphasis on economy**

The younger Kim's biggest departure from his father is his emphasis on economic growth and a willingness to embrace small-scale economic reforms, from setting up special economic zones intended to draw badly needed foreign investment to allowing citizens to sell a portion of their produce in farmer's markets, according to Chung-in Moon, a North Korea expert at Yonsei University.

In a country where international economic sanctions prevent the inflow of new capital, this "quasi-market function," he said, "has become a kind of safety valve to Kim Jong Un." Agricultural production has increased, and the markets "have been filling the gap left by the public distribution system," he said. "That relieved a lot of grievances from the public."

Paik said he saw small but noticeable

## Supreme leader? Three years ago, Kim Jong Un

Three years ago, Kim Jong Un rose to power in North Korea following the death of his father. A look at some significant events that have



Dec. 17, 2011

North Korean leader Kim Jong II dies of a heart attack, leading to speculation that his son and designated successor, Kim Jong Un, will maintain control of the regime.

-- Dec. 12, 2012

North Korea fires a long-range rocket over Japan, raising concerns about the advancement of its ballistic missile program and its ability to deliver nuclear weapons.

== Feb. 12, 2013 North Korea conducts its third and most powerful nuclear test, leading to additional economic sanctions against the isolated

Spring 2013
North Korea launches a series of unusually intense threats during U.S.-South Korean annual spring military exercises, leading to fears that tensions could rapidly escalate into full-scale way.

December 2013

Jang Song Thaek, Kim's uncle and mentor and a fixture in his father's government, is dismissed from all of his posts and executed. While the reason for Jang's sudden purge is unclear, analysts say it sent the message that challenges to Kim's authority would not be tolerated.

-- December 2014

South Korean media report that the North has banned citizens from taking Kim Jong Un's name, a move likely intended to reinforce the personality cult surrounding the third generation dictator.

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improvements to the quality of life in the North during a trip to China in early November, when he traveled along the North Korean border.

On a similar trip in summer 2012, houses on the North Korean side were in poor condition, and he saw virtually no people. But last month, houses had been painted white and the rooftops were covered in golden corn that had been laid out to dry — a sign that the corn harvest had improved, and people weren't worried about having their food stolen and going hungry.

Delury noted that no head of state has met Kim, even Xi Jinping, of China, the North's main benefactor — a sign that Kim is still consolidating his power and may not be ready yet to leave the country. "At a diplomatic level, we haven't really

"At a diplomatic level, we haven't really tested him out and seen what he's like in a negotiation setting or a summit, so there are still some unknowns," he said.

The only safe prediction to make is that Kim will change as he grows older. Delury said the main question is what forces, inside and outside North Korea, will be around to shape him.

"I think that's the key thing, that he's quite young, he's still forming, he's still getting his sense of how things work and who to trust," Delury said. "He's going to be in a learning mode for quite a while.

"I see that as a reason we'd want to be more engaged with him, to shape him in the direction we want him to go."

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#### MILITARY

## Pentagon pursuing guided .50-caliber bullets

By MATTHEW M. BURKE Stars and Stripes

New .50-caliber bullets that can change direction after they have been fired could soon make U.S. military snipers more deadly.

The EXACTO program — or Extreme Accuracy Tasked Ordnance — is being developed by California's Teledyne Scientific & Imaging LLC. at the behest of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, according to a DARPA video posted on Youtube.

DARPA video posted on Youtube.
"The objective of the EXACTO
program is to revolutionize rifle
accuracy and range by developing
the first ever guided small-calibre
bullet," DARPA officials said in a
July statement accompanying the
video. "The EXACTO .50-caliber
round and optical sighting technology expects to greatly extend
the day and nighttime range over
current state-of-the-art sniper
systems."

The specially designed ammunition can change direction in mid-air.

How that is done remains a tightly held secret. The Defense Department and its related agencies declined to comment. DARPA's statement announced that testing had been successful, a historical first. The video shows two rounds of testing, in February and April. A bullet was deliberately fired off target both times and then the path was changed. In the second test, it anoears to have

struck the intended target.

Snipers generally operate in two-man teams — a shooter and a spotter — who have to make adjustments for a number of factors once they're in position.

For instance, DARPA says sniper teams find places such as Afghanistan, with its high winds and dusty terrain, extremely challenging. The Defense Department believes it is "critical" that snipers engage targets faster and more accurately, which will likely increase safety by concealing their location

longer.
DARPA hopes to give them EX-ACTO soon.

The program's second phase, completed over the summer, provided a number of improvements, and the current phase will focus on a system-level live-fire test and further refinements, the statement said.

Weapons experts applauded the

breakthrough, but they wonder if the technology will translate to success in the field.

Ted Gatchel, professor emeritus at the Naval War College and expert in amphibious warfare, fortifications and small arms, said he doesn't see a moral dilemma, as guided artillery and bombs are already staples of a modern military, but he has reservations about feasibility. Singer teams already carry a large amount of gear with them. Gatchel didn't see how it would be possible to add to that load.

He also saw potential issues with getting off a fast second shot. After a miss, a team's spotter generally counsels the shooter on

generally counsels the shooter on adjustments based on where the first shot hit, or if they are successful, they move to a secondary target. They then take an almost immediate second shot.

Inserting technology into the process could potentially impact that speed.

He also wondered if a person's reflexes in guidance, as high-velocity rounds travel faster than

sound, would be an issue.
"I don't know if you push a button and it takes over," Gatchel said. "I just couldn't find out enough about the system to know how it works."

Gatchel also saw potential pitfalls in inserting technology into an arena marked by rough terrain, rain and sand. He used the analogy that a map will still work with a bullet hole in it, while a tablet or a computer might not.

"You still need to train these snipers in the traditional methods," he said. "Right now, sniping is a real precise art."

Gatchel said if the program truly works, there is good reason to keep it highly classified, which led him to several other considerations that will likely be taken up by military officials.

Concepts generally precede the ability of technology to execute them, Gatchel said. He pointed to Leonardo da Vinci's drawings of a multi-barreled gun that foresaw the invention of the machine gun but couldn't be realized until the perfection of the self-contained metallic cartridge. The ability of the enemy to

come up with effective countermeasures must also be taken into consideration.

In World War II, the Germans

employed a Fano-Controlled Dorino called the Fritz X, Gatchel said, that sank the Italian battleship Roma and damaged a number of ships during the Allied landing at Salerno. Within just a few months, the Allies had developed a means

of jamming the radio controls, thus rendering the bombs ineffective. And some weapons are so lethal that fears over the enemy capturing them and either reverse engineering or developing countermeasures can limit, or out-

weigh, their use.

Iran recently claimed to have successfully reverse engineered a RQ-170 Sentinel stealth drone that it captured.

Taking all of that into account, technological advances such as EXACTO can often contribute to or improve existing programs—or perhaps be used for something else altogether, Gatchel said. So even if it doesn't find its way to the battlefield, it can still be beneficial.

"I never think it's a bad idea to try something out," Gatchel said. But "if it works, you can't argue against that."

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### VA recruits IBM's Watson to aid doctors

By Brett Molina USA Today

The Department of Veterans Affairs is enlisting Big Blue and its computing tech Watson to aid physicians caring for veterans.

On Monday, IBM and the VA announced primary care physicians working for the agency will use Watson to track the growing amount of medical data. The VA will also use Watson to help treat veterans diagnosed with

post-traumatic stress disorder.

"There's no more important challenge than improving health-care for our veterans and we've seen how Watson can assist medical professionals and make it easier for them to capture insight from so many sources and make more informed decisions," said Anne Altman, General Manager for U.S. Federal at IBM, in a statement.

As many as 20 percent of vet-

erans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from PTSD, according to the VA's National Center for PTSD.

The VA will use several tools related to Watson, including a Discovery Advisor to quickly process data and research to uncover patterns. Watson will also help navigate and organize electronic medical records, combining patient data with medical articles and research.







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## NATION

## Police changing tactics following killings, protests

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By Andrew Welsch-Huggins The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - With tensions running high over the killings of blacks by police, departments around the country are changing policies and procedures to curb the use of deadly force, ease public distrust and protect officers from retaliation.

New York City plans to issue stun guns to hundreds more officers. The Milwaukee department is making crisis-intervention training mandatory. And in Akron, Ohio, police have begun working in pairs on all shifts for their own safety.

Police departments are constantly updating training. But some of the more recent measures have been prompted by rising anger toward police. And in some cases, departments are making sure to let the public know about these changes.

'It's not a mistake or a coincidence that a lot of these departments are publicizing their training or are perhaps revamping their training guidelines and things like that in the wake of these really high-profile incidents," said Kami Chavis Simmons, director of the criminal justice program at the Wake Forest University School of Law in North Carolina and a former federal prosecutor in Washington.

Protests, largely peaceful, have flared across the country after grand juries in recent weeks declined to indict white officers in the fatal shooting of 18year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and the chokehold death of Eric Garner in New York City. Both men were black and unarmed.

Lorie Fridell, a criminology professor at the University of South Florida who operates a police training business, said she has received nearly two requests a day from chiefs since protests erupted over the August shooting in Ferguson.

"There's a lot of well-meaning chiefs out there that want to do the right thing, and they are looking for ways that they can address not just use-of-force issues but bias issues," she said.



New York Police Department Sgt. Joseph Freer holds a body camera during a news conference. Police departments across the country are altering procedures to assuage concerns about police conduct and to protect their own officers.

Two recent police shootings in Ohio started with reports of people with guns: the killing last month of a 12-year-old boy carrying a pellet gun in Cleveland and the death last summer of a 22-year-old man hold-ing an air rifle in a Wal-Mart in suburban Dayton.

In both cases, the officers said they thought the victims had real guns. The officer who shot the 12year-old resigned from a suburban Cleveland police force in 2012 after his supervisors decided he lacked the maturity to work in their department.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine responded by asking the state's police training commission last week to study possible updates in the way officers learn their jobs

"Every police officer who goes out every day has the right to come home at night," DeWine said. "On the other hand, citizens of the state of Ohio have the right to expect that police officers are correctly trained and vetted before they're put out on the street."

## **No involuntary Air Force cuts** planned for '15

By JENNIEER H. SVAN Stars and Strines

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany—The Air Force will not pursue involuntary force shaping in fiscal 2015, Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James said during an online town hall Tuesday.

"Gen. Welsh is in agreement," James said, referring to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III. "Enough is enough. We are as low as we are going to go.'

During a tough year of personnel cuts, the Air Force in 2014 selected more than 13,000 airmen for voluntary separation, while more than 6,000 were told they must leave involuntarily.

Air Force officials have said the service is working toward reducing its end strength to 310,900 by September 2015, down from more than 327,000 this year. It's not certain what types of voluntary force shaping or separation pay the Air Force might offer next year.

James did say that the Air Force must do a better job of cross training as it tries to cut down on overmanned career fields

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minutes, answering questions from a live audience and fielding inquiries from airmen overseas via Skype and social media.

She noted that the Air Force has reduced the use of contractors over the last year, and she predicted the service will continue to do so. The Air Force is asking senior leaders to "justify one more time why they need that particular contract." James said. "If it doesn't appear essential going forward, then we are saying perhaps we need to do without it.'

The service is trying to "enforce the message we need to make every dollar count," she said.

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## Family of inmate executed in Ohio sues expert witness

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio -The state's former expert witness on lethal injection should have known that a condemned inmate would suffer because of a neverused two-drug combo, the family of the inmate says in a lawsuit.

The lawsuit, expanded from an earlier filing, alleges that Dr. Mark Dershwitz knew inmate Dennis McGuire would suffer during the January execution but helped create the state's new lethal injection policy anyway. The complaint, filed in federal court earlier this month, says Dershwitz also provided medical and scientific advice to the state prisons agency.

Even though he knew the risks of the two-drug method, "Dershwitz continued to bill for services and earn compensation from the State of Ohio to provide advice, expertise, assistance, counsel and expert witness services to aid in the creation of Ohio's Execution Protocol," the lawsuit said.

Dershwitz, a University Massachusetts anesthesiologist and pharmacologist, announced in June he would no longer act as an expert witness for states defending their lethal injection methods

Dershwitz said Ohio had jeopardized his standing with the American Board of Anesthesiology in a news release it issued about the Jan. 16 execution of McGuire because it implied he consulted on the execution method, which is prohibited by the national board.

Dershwitz said in an email he was aware of the filing but couldn't immediately comment.

The family also added drug distributor McKesson Corp. to the lawsuit, saying the company distributed the midazolam and hydropmorphone used to put Mc-Guire to death. The family previously sued Hospira Inc., which makes the drugs.

Lake Forest, Ill.-based Hospira and San Francisco-based McKesson "knew or should have known that when used in executions. Hydromorphone and Midazolam would cause unnecessary and extreme pain and suffering during the execution process," the lawsuit said.

Both companies declined comment, as did the Ohio prisons

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#### NATION

# Americans given more time to pay health premiums

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trying to head off a new round of consumer headaches with President Barack Obama's health care law, the insurance industry says it will give customers more time to pay their premiums for January.

America's Health Insurance Plans, the main industry trade group, says the voluntary steps include a commitment to promptly refund any overpayments by consumers who switched plans and may have gotten double-billed by mistake.

Though the HealthCare.gov website is working far better this year, the industry announcement highlights behind-the-scenes technical issues between the government and insurers that have proved difficult to resolve. Last year's enrollment files were riddled with errors, and fixing those has been a painstaking process. As a result, renewing millions of current customers is not as easy as it might seem.

The health care law offers sub-

sidized private insurance to people who don't have a health plan on the job. Renewing coverage each year is standard operating procedure for the industry, but 2015 is the first renewal year for the health law. The process involves a massive electronic data transfer from the government to insurers, right around the holidays. Insurers then have to use that data to generate new cards for their customers.

Normally, premiums for January would be due by Dec. 31. The industry's grace period for 2015 could vary among different carriers, so consumers should check with their plan. Insurers say they also plan to help customers who have problems filling prescriptions or getting medical care at the start of the year.

Midnight Monday, Pacific time, was the deadline for new customers in most states to pick a health plan to take effect Jan. 1. It was also the deadline for current enrollees to make changes that could reduce premium increases before the new year. The administration announced a last-minute extension for some people unable to get through to the jammed federal call center.

Making matters more confusing, open enrollment actually runs for another two months, until Feb. 15. People enrolling by that date will get coverage starting March 1. Current customers can still make plan changes through Feb. 15.

## Electric cars aren't really good for the environment

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People who own all-electric cars where coal generates the power may think they are helping the environment. But a new study finds their vehicles actually make the air dirtier, worsening global warming.

Ethanol isn't so green, either.

"It's kind of hard to beat gasofor public and environmental health, said study co-author Julian Marshall, an engineering professor at the University of Minnesota. "A lot of the technologies that we think of as being clean ... are not better than gasoline."

The key is where the source of the electricity is for all-electric cars. If it comes from coal, the electric cars produce 3.6 times more soot and smog deaths than gas, because of the pollution made in generating the electricity, according to a study by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. They also are significantly worse at heat-trapping carbon dioxide that worsens global warming, if found.

The study examines environmental costs for cars' entire life cycle, including where power comes from and the environmental effects of building batteries.

"Unfortunately, when a wire is connected to an electric vehicle at one end and a coal-fired power plant at the other end, the environmental consequences are worse than driving a normal gasoline-powered car," said Ken Caldeira of the Carnegie Institution for Science, who wasn't part of the study but praised in

The study finds all-electric vehicles cause 86 percent more deaths from air pollution than do cars powered by regular gasoline. Coal produces 39 percent of the country's electricity, according to the Department of Energy.

But if the power supply comes from natural gas, the all-electric car produces half as many air pollution health problems as gaspowered cars do. And if the power comes from wind, water or wave energy, it produces about one-quarter of the air pollution deaths. Hybrids and diesel engines are cleaner than gas, causing fewer air pollution deaths and spewing less heat-trapping gas.

But ethanol isn't, with 80 percent more air pollution mortality, according to the study.



A member of the DC Cannabis Campaign works on posters encouraging people to vote for the District of Columbia initiative legalizing small amounts of marijuana for personal use.

## Congress' high road on DC pot law wouldn't fly in other states

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's easy for Congress to meddle with the District of Columbia's decision to legalize recreational use of marijuana, but taking on the states is a different matter.

A massive, catch-all spending bill Congress passed last week contains a provision preventing the District from using federal money to implement any law or regulation that repeals or reduces marijuana-related penalties. The action is in direct response to a voter initiative passed last month that allows possession of up to 2 ounces of pot or up to three mature plants for

The Constitution gives Congress the power to review and possibly reject all legislation approved by the District's elected officials or its citizens.

Congress has less leverage with the states, and thwarting efforts supported by a plurality of voters back home could prove politically risky at election time.

"That's sort of asking for a head-on collision with states' rights," said Philip Wallach of the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think tank.

Wallach said the most ready tool at Congress' disposal in persuading states to keep marijuana illegal would be to withhold money for certain programs if state marijuana initiatives conflict with federal law. That's something Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., the chairman of the House Judiciary constitution and civil justice subcommittee, says he's prepared to support.

Franks said the marijuana legalization movement endangers the nation's youth.

But many other Republican lawmakers don't seem ready to take such concrete steps.

Meanwhile, proponents of marijuana legalization know exactly where they want to go next. The itin-erary includes pushes into California, Arizona, Nevada, Maine and Massachusetts. There's money to be raised for campaign ads, ballot initiatives to write and petition campaigns to organize. Four states so far — Washington and Colorado were the first, followed by Oregon and Alaska — have voted to legalize marijuana.

The groups are confident that momentum is on their side and that most members of Congress know they can't do anything about it.

"I think everyone knows it's inevitable. Republican Senate or not, we're going to keep moving forward," said Bill Piper, director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance, a nonprofit organization that advocates an overhaul of drug policy.

## Officials see powdered alcohol as all wet

The Associated Press

DENVER — Powdered alcohol hasn't even arrived in stores yet, but states already are moving to ban the product touted by its inventor as an easy way to mix a drink on the go.

Colorado is the latest state considering prohibiting "Palcohol" amid concern it will increase underage drinking. The product is marketed as an ounce of rum or vodka in powdered form, which is then added to water.

Each serving is the equivalent of a shot of liquor, according to Lipsmark, the company that owns Palcohol

"I think being proactive and jumping out in front of the problem is probably the right thing to do," said Chris Johnson, executive director of the County Sheriffs of Colorado. "It really doesn't have any place in our society, powered alcohol. We have enough problems with the liquid kind."

The company's website notes various instances where it argues the product would be convenient, including on flights and as an antiseptic on remote locations. Palcohol's creator, Mark Phillips, said he thought of the idea because it would be easier to carry powder for a drink during a long hike or other outdoor activities.

Alaska, Delaware, Louisiana, South Carolina and Vermont already have banned powdered alcohol, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Minnesota, Ohio, and New York also are considering bans, the organization said.

In a video posted on the company's website, Phillips dismisses the concerns about underage drinking, noting the product would be sold only at liquor stores to people 21 and older. In the video, he also argues it would be impractical for people to snort the powder, as some critics fear, because it would be painful to do and the amount of powder in a package fills about half a glass tumbler.

The company doesn't expect Palcohol will be available in stores until spring 2015 at the earliest.

### NATION

## Survey: Teens prefer e-cigs

By Lauran Neergaard
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Electronic cigarettes have surpassed traditional smoking in popularity among teens, the government's annual drug use survey finds.

Even as tobacco smoking by teens dropped to new lows, use of e-cigarettes reached levels that surprised researchers. The findings marked the survey's first attempt to measure the use of ecigarettes by people that young.

Nearly 9 percent of eighth-graders said they'd used an e-cigarette in the previous month, while just 4 percent reported smoking a traditional cigarette, said the report released Tuesday by the National Institutes of Health.

Use increased with age. Some 16 percent of 10th-graders had tried an e-cigarette in the past month, compared with 17 percent of high school seniors. Regular smoking continued inching down, to 7 percent of 10th-graders and 14 percent of 12th-graders.

"I worry that the tremendous progress that we've made over the last almost two decades in smoking could be reversed on us by the introduction of e-cigarettes," said University of Michigan professor Lloyd Johnston, who led the annual Monitoring the Future sur-

vey of more than 41,000 students. E-cigarettes often are de-scribed as a less dangerous alternative for regular smokers who can't or don't want to kick the habit. The battery-powered devices produce vapor infused with potentially addictive nicotine but without the same chemicals and tar of tobacco cigarettes.

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The survey didn't ask about repeat use or whether teens were just experimenting with something new. But between 4 percent and 7 percent of students who tried e-cigarettes said they'd never smoked a tobacco cigarette, noted University of Michigan professor Richard Miech, a study senior investigator.

"They must think that e-cigarettes are fundamentally different," he said.

E-cigarettes began to appear in the U.S. in 2006 but this was the first year that the Monitoring the Future survey asked teens about them. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that during 2013, 4.5 percent of high school students had tried e-cigarettes during the prior month, a tripling since 2011.



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Property manager Alan Lambert works to clear a drain to minimize flooding at a client's home in Pebble Beach, Calif., on Monday.

## More rain in waterlogged parts of Calif.

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A new storm dumped more rain on already waterlogged parts of Northern California, causing minor road flooding, scattered power outages and airport delays.

The storm dropped an average of between an inch and 2 inches of rain throughout the day in the Bay Area and Sacramento regions before heading to Southern California overnight, the National Weather Service said.

The rain came down hard in the San Francisco Bay Area on Monday morning, making for a treacherous commute. A land-side closed both directions of a highway in Fremont. At San Francisco International Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration reported arrival delays of almost two hours.

In Butte County, a 4-mile sec-

tion of Highway 162 shut down after getting flooded by swollen creeks and drainage channels. There is no estimated date to reopen due to continued rain, authorities said.

Yosemite National Park officials said the Tioga and Glacier Point roads have closed for the season because of deep snow and icy conditions. A series of storms in the last few weeks have left up to 2 feet of snow in the higher part of the park, including Tuolumne Meadows and Glacier Point.

Still, Monday's storm and another weather system expected later in the week won't be nearly as powerful as the blast that dumped as much as 8 inches of rain in parts of Northern California last week and up to 6 feet of snow in the high elevations of the Sierra Nevada. That storm caused widespread flooding and power outages, including in downtown San Francisco.

While the storms help, much more rain is needed to pull the state out of its severe drought, forecasters say. The Sierra Nevada was ex-

The Sierra Nevada was expected to receive a few inches of snow at elevations above about 5,000 feet, a height that includes most ski resorts, said Eric Kurth, a meteorologist in the weather service's Sacramento office.

The second weather front is expected to dump yet more rain Wednesday in the Bay Area, forecaster Bob Benjamin said.

In Southern California, a cold front was expected to bring rain and mountain snow Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday will be dry, then showers will return Friday and Saturday, the weather service said.

## Free speech at stake in film case, lawyer says

By BRIAN MELLEY
The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — A lawyer for Google told a federal appeals court Monday that free speech is in jeopardy if a ruling stands forcing it to keep an anti-Muslim film off its YouTube service.

Attorney Neal Katyal told an I1-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, Calif., that copyright law is also at stake in a lawsuit brought by an actress who received death threats after a film trailer insulting the Prophet Muhammad sparked violence in the Middle East.

A divided three-judge panel of the court ordered YouTube to pull the video in

after deciding actress Cindy Lee Garcia had a copyright claim to the low-budget "Innocence of Muslims" video be-

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believed she was appearing in a different production than the one that appeared.

Garcia was paid \$500 for a movie called "Desert Warrior" that she believed had nothing to do with religion; she ended up in a five-second scene in which her voice was dubbed over so her character asked if Muhammad was a child molester.

The ruling will fragment copyright law and restrict free speech if it stands, Katyal said.

Google is supported in its appeal by an unusual alliance that includes filmmakers, Internet rivals such as Yahoo and prominent news media companies such as The New York Times that don't want the court to infringe on constitutional free speech rights or to change copyright law.

If the court upholds the smaller panel's ruling, YouTube and other Internet companies could face takedown notices from others in minor video roles.

Google argued that the copyright was owned by filmmaker Mark Basseley Youssef, who wrote the script, managed the production and dubbed over Garcia's dialogue.

A dissenting judge said Garcia played no creative role that would give her ownership rights.

Until the court order, YouTube had rejected calls by President Barack Obama and other world leaders to pull the video, arguing that it would amount to government censorship and violate free speech protections.

Garcia has support from the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of

## Hawaii lava on course to hit gas station, stores

By Audrey McAvoy The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Lava from a volcano on Hawaii's Big Island is on course to reach a shopping center with a gas station and a supermarket in seven to 10 days, officials said.

Lava is about a mile from the shopping center in the small town of Pahoa, Hawaii County Civil Defense Director Darryl Oliveira said Monday. The shopping center also contains a hardware store, pharmacy and auto repair

There's still a great deal of uncertainty about when the lava might reach the center and what it could hit. The lava could smother one structure in the complex or cover them all, he said.

"It just depends on what the

flow does as it comes through," he told reporters during a conference call.

Oliveira said the county has been in touch with the merchants about evacuation plans but hasn't yet advised them to leave.

The supermarket, one of the biggest stores in the center, planned to start removing equipment on Tuesday and shut down on Thursday. Malama Market said in a statement that it was encouraging customers to keep shooping until its doors close.

The gas station would sell its remaining fuel and pump out what's leftover if it does have to evacuate, Oliveira said. It would then fill its tanks with water and firefighting foam.

That plan has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Health, he said.

An earlier idea called for the gas station to put sand in the tanks, but that wouldn't have removed all flammable vapors. It also would have destroyed the pumping system. By using fire-fighting foam, the gas station may use the tanks again if lava bypasses the area and it wants to reopen.

Lava has never hit a gas station on the Big Island in the past, Oliveira said.

Lava has been threatening Pahoa town, which has a population of about 900, for months. In October, it burned a house and covered part of a cemetery but stalled just before hitting Pahoa's main road.

It later started flowing from a different spot.

## Scores of children die in Pakistan attack

## Taliban assault targets school run by military

The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan - Taliban gunmen stormed a militaryrun school in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Tuesday, killing at least 141 peo-ple, mostly children, before Pakistani officials declared a military operation to clear the school over.

The overwhelming majority of the victims were students at the school, which instructs grades 1-10. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the assault and rushed to Peshawar to show his support for the victims.

As darkness fell on the area, officials said they had cleared the school of militants

A Pakistani military spokes-man, Asim Bajwa, said 141 people died in the attack - 132 children and nine staff members. He de-clared the operation over and said the area had been cleared. An additional 121 students and three staff members were wounded.

He said seven attackers, all wearing explosives vests, died in the assault. It was not immediately clear if the militants were all killed by the soldiers or whether they blew themselves up, he said. Bajwa described an assault that seemed designed purely to ter-rorize the children rather than take anyone hostage to further the militant group's aims.

"Their sole purpose, it seems, was to kill those innocent kids.

That's what they did," he said. The horrific attack, claimed by



A plainclothes security officer escorts students from a school as Taliban fighters attack another school nearby, killing at least 141 people, mostly children, in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Tuesday.

Mv son was in uniform in the morning. He is in a casket now. My son was my dream. My dream has been killed. 7

> Tahir Ali father of Abdullah, 14

the Tehreek-e-Taliban, a Pakistani militant group trying to overthrow the government, sent dozens of wounded flooding into local hospitals as terrified parents

searched for their children. "My son was in uniform in the morning. He is in a casket now," wailed one parent, Tahir Ali, as he came to the hospital to collect the body of his son, Abdullah, 14. "My son was my dream. My dream has been killed.

The attack began in the morn-

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ing when the gunmen entered the

school and started shooting at ran-

dom. Army commandos quickly

arrived at the scene and started

exchanging fire with the gunmen.

Students wearing green school

uniforms could be seen fleeing the

Outside the school, two loud booms of unknown origin were heard coming from the scene in the early afternoon, as Pakistani troops battled with the attackers. Armored personnel carriers were deployed around the school grounds, and a Pakistani military helicopter circled overhead.

The prime minister vowed that the country would not be cowed by the violence and that the military would continue with an aggressive operation launched in June to rout militants from the North Waziristan tribal area.

"The fight will continue. No one should have any doubt about it, Sharif said.

Bajwa said that 1,099 students and staff were registered at the school.

It is part of a network of schools run by the Pakistani military around the country. The student body is made up of children of military personnel as well as civilians. A government official, Javed Khan, said most of the students appeared to be civilians rather than children of army staff. But analysts said the militants likely targeted the school because of its

military connections. The Pakistani military launched the military operation in the nearby North Waziristan tribal area in June, vowing that it would go after all militant groups that had been operating in the region. With the launch of the operation, security officials and civilians feared retribution by militants but until Tuesday a widespread backlash had failed to materialize.

Tuesday's attack appeared to be the worst in Pakistan since a 2007 suicide bombing in the port city of Karachi killed 150 people

## Horror over lethal Sydney standoff turns to anger

SYDNEY - Horror over a deadly siege morphed into anger Tuesday as leaders of a grieving nation demanded to know how a man with a violent criminal history slipped through the cracks and ended up in the downtown Sydney cafe where he took 17 people hostage.

The 16-hour siege ended in a barrage of gunfire and screams early Tuesday morning when police stormed into the Lindt Chocolat Cafe in a desperate bid to free the hostages. Two of the hostages were killed, as was the gunman, Man Haron Monis, 50, an Iranian-born, self-styled cleric described by Australia's prime minister as a deeply disturbed person carrying out a "sick fantasy."

"How can someone who has had such a long and checkered history not be on the appropriate watch list? And how can someone like that be entirely at large in the community?" Prime Minister Tony Abbott asked at a news conference. "These are questions we need to look at carefully and calmly and methodically. That's what we'll be doing in the days and weeks ahead."

Monis was convicted and sentenced last vear to 300 hours of community service for sending what a judge called "grossly offensive" letters to families of soldiers killed in Afghanistan between 2007 and 2009. He

later was charged with being an accessory to the murder of his ex-wife. Earlier this year, he was charged with the 2002 sexual assault of a woman. He had been out on bail on all the charges.

That history prompted a flurry of questions that remained unanswered more than a day after the siege began Monday morning. Why was Monis out on bail? Why was he not on a terrorist watch list? How did he get a shotgun in a country with tough gun ownership laws?

"We are all outraged that this guy was on the street." New South Wales Premier Mike Baird said. "We need to ensure that everything is done to learn from this."

Alongside the fury and confusion was an outpouring of grief as crowds of tearful mourners flocked to Martin Place, a plaza in the heart of Sydney's financial and shopping district where the Lindt cafe is located. The mourners left mountains of flowers in honor of the two hostages who were killed: Katrina Dawson, 38, a lawyer and mother of three, and Tori Johnson, 34, the cafe's manager. Officials have yet to say whether the two died in crossfire as police stormed in or were shot by their captor.

The siege began when Monis walked into the cafe during Monday morning rush hour, trapping 17 customers and staffers inside. He had some of the hostages record videos of themselves reciting his demands:

to be delivered a flag of the Islamic State group and to speak directly with Abbott. He also forced some to hold a flag with an Islamic declaration of faith above the

shop window's festive inscription of "Merry Christmas."

Australian Muslim groups condemned the hostage-taking and said in a joint statement that the inscription of the Islamic flag held by the hostages was a "testimony of faith that

has been misappro-priated by misguided

individuals. The siege heightened fears of a terrorist attack, but it also produced heart-rending displays of solidarity among Australians who reached out to their Muslim compatriots. Many offered on Twitter to accompany people dressed in Muslim clothes who were afraid of a backlash against the country's Muslim minority of 500,000 in a nation of 24 million.

Abbott sought to portray Monis as a deluded and mentally troubled person rather than a religious fanatic. Monis grew up in Iran as Mohammad Hassan Manteghi, In 1996, he established a travel agency, but took his clients' money and fled, Iran's police chief, Gen. Ismail Ahmadi Moghaddam, told the country's official IRNA news agency Tuesday. Australia accepted him as a refugee around that time.

Also Tuesday, the cafe's manager was lauded for sacrificing his life by grabbing the gunman's shotgun, an act that reportedly helped bring the standoff to an end and saved the lives of most of his fellow hostages.

Sydney's Catholic Archbishop Anthony Fisher said at an emotional memorial service attended by hundreds at St. Mary's Cathedral that Johnson had reportedly brought the siege to a head by grabbing the shotgun.

"Apparently seeing an opportunity, Tori grabbed the gun. Tragically, it went off, killing him. But it triggered the response of police and eventual freedom for most of the hostages," Fisher said. "Reports have also emerged that Katrina Dawson was shielding her pregnant friend from gunfire. These heroes were willing to lay down their lives so others might live.

New South Wales Deputy Police Commissioner Catherine Burn declined to comment on any individual's actions, saying what transpired in the cafe remained under investigation.

### **MIDEAST**

## Holy cow! Pope's farm to open doors to public

By DANIELA BERRETTA The Associated Press

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy - Pope Francis is opening the doors to an earthly paradise: the working farm at the papal summer residence here that produces the dairy, meat and vegetables for the pope and his staff.

The Vatican is planning to open the farm at Castel Gandolfo to the public next year after finding success with its guided tours of the surrounding gardens, fountains and Roma-era archaeological treasures on the sprawling estate 15 miles south of Rome.

Francis has decided not to use the hilltop retreat overlooking Lake Albano, preferring to stay in his suite at the Vatican hotel during vacations. The last time the palazzo was used was when Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI took up residence for a few months after his dramatic resignation in 2013.

in a majolica-decorated chicken

coop, and the ostriches, turkeys, rabbits and 80 cows that feed Francis and his staff at the Santa Marta hotel.

"We wait for the order from Santa Marta," said Osvaldo Gianoli, who runs the villa. "We proceed according to that order and put together a special basket for the Holy Father that reaches his table and his kitchen.

Pope Pius XI had the farm built between 1929 and 1934, and it still operates according to the agricultural methods of the time. It's not an organic farm but works with natural fertilizers. Synthetic chemicals are used only when strictly necessary, Gianoli said.

Eight people tend to the animals and vegetable patch where potatoes, zucchini, tomatoes and other produce are grown. One of the staffers, Emilio Scarsella, has been here for 33 years and served four popes. "For them, I made milk, yogurt, mozzarella, butter,



Displaced people bathe and wash clothes in December 2013 in a stream inside a United Nations compound that has become home to thousands of people displaced by the fighting in Juba. South Sudan.

### UN: Fighting in South Sudan has killed tens of thousands

By Jason Straziuso The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya - Tens of thousands of people have died in South Sudan during one year of warfare, and the country's leaders are putting their "personal ambitions" ahead of the young nation's future, the U.N. secretary-general said Monday.

A year ago Monday, fighting broke out in South Sudan's capital, Juba, and spiraled across the country. The U.N. says more than 1.9 million people have been displaced by the warfare, battles that often pit fighters loval to President Salva Kiir, an ethnic Dinka, against those who support former Vice President Riek Machar, an ethnic Nuer

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on South Sudan's leaders to agree to an inclusive power-sharing arrangement that would address the root causes of the conflict and ensure accountability for any crimes committed on the battlefield.

There is no official death toll for the conflict, but Ban said "tens of thousands" of South Sudanese have died. The fighting has been marked by vicious atrocities, largely ethnic in nature.

The two sides have signed several peace deals brokered by neighboring governments, but none has succeeded in stopping the fighting in the oil-rich country.

The U.N. Security Council blamed South Sudan's "man-made political, security and humanitarian catastrophe" and the threat of famine on its feuding leaders. In presidential statement issued Monday, it again threatened targeted sanctions against those impeding the peace process.



People walk past a sign advertising currency exchange rates in Moscow on Friday. Falling oil prices and Western sanctions have contributed to a steep decline in the ruble.

## Russian ruble slides again

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA The Associated Press

MOSCOW - A massive interest rate increase by Russia's Central Bank on Tuesday failed to stem the selling pressure on the ruble, which slid another 20 percent to new historic lows.

The surprise Central Bank decision to raise the rate to 17 percent from 10.5 percent came in the middle of the night on Tuesday and represented a desperate attempt to prop up the troubled currency. The ruble has fallen sharply in recent weeks as a result of sliding oil prices as well as the pressure from Western sanctions over Russia's involvement in Ukraine

The move is intended to make it more attractive for currency traders to hold onto their rubles - doing so gives them a major return, certainly in comparison with many other currencies, such as the dollar, where the interest rate returns are near zero percent.

Other options available to Russian authorities to stem the selling tide could be imposing capital controls or actual intervention in the markets - buying rubles, for example. The central bank has intervened directly in the past few months.

In the first hours after the increase, the ruble staged a rebound, recovering almost all of its Monday losses. But the optimism soon dissipated, and the ruble was down another 20 percent to 77 to the dollar by 3.30 p.m. in Moscow.

Central Bank chairwoman Elvira Nabiullina said the decision should stem inflation and encourage Russians to open ruble-denominated deposits. However, she conceded that the ruble's value will not be immediately influenced by the rate increase and said it will take the ruble "some time" before it finds a fair value.

The Central Bank has won some plaudits for pursuing a tight monetary policy. Though it may not have stemmed the fall of the ruble, it has kept the finances in order. Tuesday's move seems to be an indication that the Kremlin is ready to employ market measures to cushion the blow but is not yet so desperate that it's ready to impose capital controls.

The ruble has lost half of its value this year. The decline intensified in the past months as the economy came under pressure from Western sanctions and plunging oil prices.

"With these steps, the Central Bank is looking to bring stability back to the (foreign exchange) market, which has been behaving irrationally over the last few weeks," Moscow-based investment bank Sberbank-CIB said in a morning note. "This state of affairs required extraordinary measures from the Central Bank - and such measures have now been taken."

Higher interest rates may eventually offer support to the ruble, but it's likely to cause much hardship in an economy that's already heading for recession. Russian stocks were moderately declining Tuesday morning, with the MICEX benchmark 1.5 percent lower, reflecting the rate increase's pressure on businesses.

#### **Congress intent on** adding sanctions

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats spoke with one voice Monday in pressing President Barack Obama to sign legislation that would slap new sanctions on Russia while providing weapons and other assistance to Ukraine.

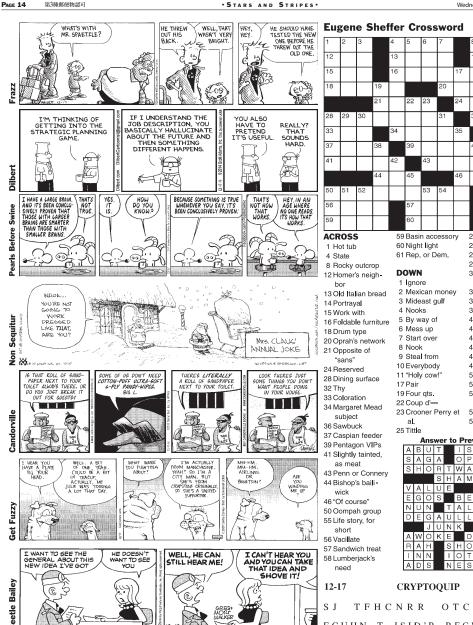
The widely popular legislation cleared Congress late Saturday, but the White House has remained noncommittal about whether Obama will sign it into law. Administration officials say the president is evaluating the measure, which would target Russia's energy and defense industries.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, issued a statement saying the bipartisan bill underscores Congress' "strong moral commitment to the cause of the Ukrainian people." He called on Obama to sign it immediately. Sen. Bob Menendez, D-

N.J., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. lawmakers

shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with the Ukrainian government and its people against the aggression of Vladimir Putin, who con-tinues to upend the international order.'

From The Associated Press







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### WIRED WORLD

## Changing the (agri)culture

## Tech firms challenging way farmers have done business

By Heather Somerville San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

TRACY Calif - Investors and entrepreneurs behind some of the world's newest industries have started to put their money and tech talents into farming with an audacious agenda: to make sure there is enough food for the 10 billion people expected to inhabit the planet by 2100, do it without destroying the world and make a

pretty penny along the way.
Silicon Valley is pushing its way into
every stage of the food-growing process, from tech tycoons buying up farmland to startups selling robots that work the fields to hackathons dedicated to building the next farming app.

'The food sector is wasteful and inefficient," said Ali Partovi, a Bay Area investor with stakes in sustainable agriculture startups. "Silicon Valley has a hubris that says, 'That's stupid. Let's change it.'"

The booming activity around the so-called "ag-tech" sector has led experts to predict that its growth, in terms of the number of new startups and venture capital investments, will in another five or so years outpace today's hottest technologies. In the third quarter this year, ven-ture capitalists and private equity firms invested \$269 million into 41 deals in agriculture and food startups, the highest dollar amount ever in that sector, according to data from the Cleantech Group. Since 2009, investments in that sector have grown an average 63 percent every year.

Dozens of companies are creating tech-

nology to make farmland more productive and farming more efficient, using robots to trim lettuce or software to calculate grass production for cattle grazing. Others are tapping technology to find substitutes for meat, cheese and eggs, so less land is used **Farming for the future** 

Number of people, in billions, expected to inhabit the planet by the year 2100.

63% Average yearly growth

of agriculture-tech sector investments since 2009.

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Amount, in millions, that Monsanto paid for ag-tech startup Climate Corp. last year.

10%

farms using Blue River Technology's advanced harvesting machine.

SOURCE: San Jose Mercury News

used to transport them, and fewer animals

are subject to inhumane slaughter. Some of its highest-profile Silicon Valley investors are buying farmland to have a hand in how farmers work their fields and influence the type of food that's available for future generations. Many investors see farmland as a safe investment to balance volatile tech investments.

Farmers, for the most part, have welcomed Silicon Valley techies. From Salinas to Fresno to Tracy, California farmers are increasingly tech-minded, running their fields from iPads and tracking soil moisture and nitrogen levels with cloud software programs, and they are hungry for more tech solutions that will bolster their land's productivity and their bank balance. 'There is a kind of renaissance in tech-

nology in agriculture right now," said Ryan Jacobsen, a farmer and executive director of the Fresno County Farm Bureau. "The technology is becoming more mainstream because more and more people believe that it will help them produce more. It's an

One turning point came in 2013 when Monsanto, one of the largest suppliers of herbicides and genetically modified seeds, bought San Francisco-based weather data and insurance startup Climate Corp., which was started by ex-Google employ-

"That was an aha moment," said Rob

ees, for \$930 million.

Trice, a venture capitalist in Menlo Park who founded the Mixing Bowl, a hub of agtech thinkers and entrepreneurs. "Here was one of the largcompanies buying an IT company in Sili-Blue River Technology in Sunnyvale

has created a machine that uses digital imaging and powerful software to trim let-tuce 100 times faster than people. Farms that use the machine have increased their yields by 10 percent, said CEO and co-founder Jorge Heraud. The company raised \$10 million this year from venture capital firms.

Because these machines have replaced human labor, some migrant workers will have to find new jobs, Heraud said. That's one of the pitfalls — as more technology is introduced to farming, jobs will be cut.

Some experts worry that deep-pocketed investors will hasten the uprooting of longtime family farmers and gut rural economies

"The middle-sized guys are being squeezed out and that's very concerning to us," said Chandler Goule, senior vice pres-ident of projects at the National Farmers



#### FACES



## WELCOME TO PARADISE

## Punk trio Green Day leads '15 Rock Hall inductees

By David Bauder The Associated Press

he punk trio Green Day, poet of the New York underground Lou Reed and "Lean on Me" singer Bill Withers will lead a new class of inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next year.

The hall announced Tuesday that it will also welcome Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, who famously sang about loving rock 'n' roll, and make Ringo Starr the fourth ex-Beatle enshrined as an individual. Besides Reed, the class includes other posthumous inductees Paul Butterfield and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

The 30th annual induction ceremony will be held at Cleveland's Public Hall on April 18.

Green Day made it in the group's first year of eligibility. The Bay Area band led by Bille John Armstrong made the 1990s slackers anthem "Dookie" and hit a peak with the politically-themed concept disc "American Idiot" a decade later. Armstrong also starred in a Broadway musical based on "American Idiot".

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"We're in incredible company, and I'm still trying to make sense of this," Armstrong said in an interview with Rolling Stone on Tuesday.
"The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has always held something special for me because my heroes were in there."

Reed, who died in October 2013 following complications from a liver transplant, is already in the Hall as a member of the Velvet Underground. He was at his best exploring the underside of his home city, in the hit "Walk on the Wild Side" and fierce crack-era album "New York".

Withers brought a jazz and funk touch to 1970s era singer-songwriter material like "Ain't No Sunshine," "Use Me" and "Just the

Two of Us." He hasn't released new music in nearly three decades.

Jett emerged from the all-female punk-era pioneers the Runaways to lead a band of men with punchy hits, none bigger than the declaration "I Love Rock 'n' Roll."

The Paul Butterfield Blues Band married blues and rock during the 1960s, led by its leader's harmonica and

#### The new class

Green Day Lou Reed Bill Withers Joan Jett & the Blackhearts Ringo Starr Paul Butterfield Blues Band Stevie Ray Vaughan The "5" Rovales the lead guitar of Mike Bloomfield. Vaughan, a blues guitarist, was a 1980s prodigy for

1980s prodigy for his work with band Double Trouble on songs like "Pride and Joy" and "Texas Flood." Like hero Jimi Hendrix

his life was cut short, dying in a 1990 helicopter crash.

Starr is being given a special award for musical excellence. He anchored the Beatles' sound

cal excellence. He anchored the Beatles' sound and had a productive solo career, even heating his former mates to the top of the charts. He continues to record and tour with a revolving All-Starr Band. The Beatles are already in the Hall, as are John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison as solo artists.

The "S" Royales will be inducted in the early influence category. The former gospel group recorded the original version of "Dedicated to the One I Love," which became a hit later for the Shirelles and the Mamas & the Panas.

Inductees are chosen by a vote of more than 700 artists, historians and music industry representatives. An artist needed to have first released material no later than 1989.

Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records

## 'Birdman,' 'Grand Budapest Hotel' top Critics' Choice noms

The Associated Press

"Birdman," "Boyhood" and a host of now regulars on the awards circuit were among the top films listed in the 20th Critics' Choice Movie Awards nominations Monday, but it was Wes Anderson's darkly whimsical "The Grand Budapest Hotel" that surprised with 11 nominations.

In addition to nods for the film, the direction, the script and the cinematography, star Ralph Fiennes was also recognized in two acting categories: best actor and best actor in a comedy.

Though beloved by critics and a box office success, "The Grand Budapest Hotel" was seen as a dark horse in the awards race due in part to its March release date. But after earning four Golden Globe nominations last week, the quirky film could be rising in awards stature as Hollywood awaits the start of Oscar nominations voting.

"Birdman" scored the most nominations, though, with 13 in categories such as best picture and best director. Lead Michael Keaton and co-stars Emma Stone and Edward Norton all scored acting nods as well. The dark showbiz comedy also recently earned the most nominations for the Screen Actors Guild Awards and the Golden Globe Awards. Richard Linklater's 12-year film "Boyhood" got eight nominations, including best picture, director, best supporting actor and actress for Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette, and best ensemble.

The Broadcast Film Critics Association also recognized "Gone Girl," "The Imitation Game," "Selma," "The Theory of Everything," "Nightcrawler," "Unbroken" and "Whiplash" with multiple nominations, including best picture.

For the most part, the major acting nominees matched that of the recent awards nominations including Benedict Cumberbatch ("The Ilmitation Game"), Eddie Redmayne ("The Theory of Everything"), Reese Witherspoon ("Wild") and Julianne Moore ("Still Alice").

Notably, Angelina Jolie, whose "Unbroken" was shut out of Globes nominations, picked up a best directing nod here in addition to Ava DuVernay ("Selma") and David Fincher ("Gone Girl").

## Cosby's youngest daughter defends her embattled dad

A day after Camille Cosby released a statement in defense of her embattled husband, one of the comedian's four daughters is defending the comedian. Evin Cosby, 38, says Bill Cosby "is the FATHER you thought you knew" in a statement, obtained Tuesday by "Access Hollywood." She also defended her father on Facebook where she wrote "Men and Women need to stand up and say something. There are plenty of them that have experienced being accused of a major crime that they NEVER committed."

In recent weeks, a different picture of Cosby has emerged as at least 15 women accused him of drugging and sexually assaulting them. He has never been charged in connection with the accusations. His lawyers have denied many of the allegations.

#### 'Theory of Everything' star Redmayne weds

Eddie Redmayne is celebrating more than his best-actor nominations this week. "The Theory of Everything" star is also a newlywed.

A spokeswoman for Redmayne says the actor married his girlfriend, Hannah Bagshawe, in a private ceremony Monday in England.

Publicist Carrie Gordon says the couple celebrated with a small number of close family and friends.

Redmayne, 32, is generating big awards

buzz for his turn as Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything" and has garnered nominations from the Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild Awards.

#### Other news

■ Attorneys for Roman Polanski are accusing Los Angeles County prosecutors of misconduct, as part of their continued efforts to have a decades-old sexual assault case against the Oscar-winning director dismissed. The Los Angeles Times reports Polanski's legal team filed court papers Monday that allege district attorneys and judges carried out "serious misconduct" in an effort to prosecute the filmmaker and force him to return to the U.S. Polanski fled Los Angeles for France in the 1970s.

■ Judy Blume is returning to the grownup section. The author's first adult novel since 1998 is coming out in June. Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced Monday that the novel "In the Unlikely Event" will be set in the early 1950s in Blume's native New Jersey and will tell of a series of mysterious plane crashes. The 76-year-old Blume is one of the world's most popular children's authors, known for such novels as "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" and "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing."

### AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Widow pays \$21K for rings given to charity

BOSTON — The Salvation Army in Boston said a former bell ringer has offered to pay \$21,000 for two rings that a widow dropped into a red donation kettle in hopes they'd be sold to buy toys for poor children.

The charity said the anonymous buyer is also a widow. It says she doesn't plan to keep the jewelry. Instead, she wants to return the diamond engagement ring and wedding band to the woman who originally agws them

originally gave them.
Salvation Army Major David
Davis said Monday the \$21,000
will be use to provide toys to poor
children for Christmas and services to others in need.

Davis said the organization received multiple offers for the rings after they were donated with a note asking them to be sold. The diamond ring was valued at \$1,850.

## Teen says he shot dad after skipping school

HARRINGTON
Court records show
that a Delaware teenager told
police he killed his father with a
crossbow because he had skipped
school and feared his dad would
be angry.
The News Journal reported

The News Journal reported that the arrest warrant for Seth H. Ramsey, 17, makes clear that the teen told police he had shot his father because he was afraid he would be mad.

Delaware State Police previously said they had no motive in the case.

Ramsey, of Harrington, was arrested Thursday. Police said they went to the family's home to check on his father, Todd Ramsey, 41, who had failed to show up for work. Troopers found him dead in a bedroom.

Seth Ramsey is charged as an adult with first-degree murder.

## FedEx truck overturns; packages spill on road

MAHWAH — A FedEx truck overturned in northern New Jersey, spilling dozens of packages on what is typically the delivery company's busiest day of the year.

The crash occurred about 2:45 a.m. Monday on Interstate 289 in Mahwah.

Authorities said the driver lost control of the double-trailer and veered off the right side of the road, then went down a grass median and ended up on an exit ramp.

The driver was treated for minor injuries.

FedEx officials said company crews got to the scene shortly after the crash and quickly reloaded packages to help reduce possible delivery delays.

## Rare northern white rhinoceros dies at zoo

SAN DIEGO — A northern white rhinoceros that was one of only six left in the world died Sunday at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, zoo officials said.

Angalifu, who was about 44,

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\$3K

The approximate retail value of a rare 4½-carat lavender pearl found by a Virginia Beach, Va., woman in a littleneck clam purchased at the Great Machipongo Clam Shack in Nassawadox, Va. "I bit down on it, and I pulled it out and said, 'Look at this,'" said Kathleen

Morelli. Her husband, Joe Morelli, did some research and discovered just how unusual his wife's find was. "A pearl of this size and type is more like a one-in-a-million-clam find." he said.





DAVID GRUNFELD, THE (NEW ORLEANS) TIMES-PICAYUNE/AP

## A Saint's selfie

New Orleans Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan takes a selfie with kids attending his football clinic at the Saints' practice facility in Metairie, La.

apparently died of old age.

His death leaves only one northern white rhino at the San Diego zoo — a female named Nola — one at a zoo in the Czech Republic and three in a preserve in Kenya.

Rhino horns are valued as dagger handles and are mistakenly seen as an aphrodisiac. As a result, poaching has pushed the critically endangered rhinos to the brink of extinction.

Attempts to mate Angalifu with Nola weren't successful.

#### Man with passion for lighthouses buys one

PORT SANILAC — A Michigan man with a passion and pedigree for light-houses has bought his own.

The Times Herald of Port Huron reported Friday that Jeff Shook, of Fenton, bought the Port Sanilac Lighthouse last week for \$855,000. The founder of the Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy said he's been interested in the lighthouse, which is about 80 miles north-northeast of Detroit, for several years.

Shook said it was a private purchase and not on behalf of the conservancy, which owns lighthouses in Alpena and Muskegon. He plans to use the Port Sanilac light tower and historic home for vacations, but envisions some public events because of interest in the property.

The lighthouse was built in 1886 and once owned and operated by the U.S. Coast Guard. It was sold to Shook by Ian Aronsson and Tim Conklin, who listed it last year for nearly \$1 million.

## Brothers sell T-shirts depicting lava flow

HILO — A pair of brothers on Hawaii's Big Island are selling lava T-shirts they made so they could sell them out of their truck if their auto parts store burned down.

The shirt depicts lava flowing down Pahoa Village Road between quaint downtown storefronts.

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A boy rides a surfboard on the lava's leading edge, and the Hawaiian volcano goddess Pele stretches her arms above.

The shirt reads, "2014 Go With the Flow Tour."

Brady and Myke Metcalf said the wanted to evoke a rock concert shirt. Brady sketched the design after a few beers and margaritas.

The Hawaii Tribune-Herald reported that the duo sold 500 so far to buyers as far-flung as Germany, Spain, Texas and Utah. The brothers said the shirt shows that the community is still here.

## Brr-fresco: City OKs winter outdoor dining

BANGOR — Fork? Check. Spoon? Yep. Parka? Good call.

The city of Bangor, the gateway to northern Maine and one of the coldest cities on the East Coast, has approved year-round outdoor dining.

"Tve certainly enjoyed a hot cup of coffee outside when it's sunny, it's winter and there's snow everywhere," said Caitlin Brook, Bangor's downtown coordinator. "There's really nothing better than that."

The average high temperature in January is 27 degrees Fahrenheit.

The City Council on Monday approved a process for restaurants to get permits for dining spaces on city sidewalks and other outdoor public places. Brook said she anticipates most restaurant owners will wait until spring, but the option for winter dining is available.

## Man gets 80 years for killing of math teacher

BILLINGS — A Colorado man was sentenced Monday to 80 years in prison for killing a Montana teacher in a case that emerged as a chilling example of the social changes brought by the Northern Plains' oil boom.

Lester Van Waters Jr., 50, will not be eligible for parole for at least 20 years.

Authorities said Waters and an accomplice, Michael Keith Spell, killed Sidney High School math teacher Sherry Arnold, 43, during an attempted abduction just blocks from her house on Jan. 7, 2012. Her body was found more than two months later buried in a rural area of North Dakot.

Spell and Waters had traveled to Sidney from Colorado, using crack cocaine throughout their journey. They had told friends and family they were searching for work in the Bakken oil fields

From wire reports

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## **BUSINESS/WEATHER**

## Stocks take hit over falling oil prices

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Falling oil prices pushed U.S. stocks down broadly on Monday, extending losses into a second week.

European stocks also fell, and the Russian ruble plunged to a record low against the dollar as the continuing collapse in the price of oil reverberated through global financial markets.

Abriefrally after trading opened in the U.S. vanished as crude oil continued a six-month slide that has slashed its price nearly in half. Global demand for oil has been waning just as supplies are becoming more abundant.

The stock losses in the U.S. were modest, but markets in Germany and France fell more than 2 percent. The Russian ruble plunged, sending stocks sharply lower there too.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 12.70 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,989.63. All 10 industry sectors in the index dropped. The losses followed a 3.5 percent drop in the S&P 500 last week, its

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Doug Cote

Voya Investment Management chief market strategist

biggest decline since May 2012.
"People are taking profits, and it can go on for a while," said Uri Landesman, president of Platinum Partners, an investment fund in New York. "You're seeing a mini-correction."

A solid report on U.S. manufacturers and some merger news helped jolt markets higher after the open, but the gains evaporated after an hour as crude prices fell. The oil slump is worrying investors because it hammers the profits of drillers and other oil companies

that are big components in stock

indexes. Investors also fear it may signal the global economic slowdown is deeper than expected.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 99.99 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,180.84. The Nasdaq composite lost 48.44 points, or 1 percent, to 4,605.16.

The ruble sank 13 percent to 65.83 to the dollar. The Russian currency started the year at 32.85 to the dollar. The drop in crude prices has hurt Russia since the country is a major oil exporter and depends heavily on oil for tax revenue.

Several commentators have noted that plunging oil prices could eventually help U.S. stocks because it pushes down gas prices, freeing up money for Americans to spend at stores.

Doug Cote, chief market strategist at Voya Investment Management, said investors have overreacted to the oil drop and that he expects stocks to rise.

"Every time the consumer goes to the gas pump, it feels fantastic," he said. For the middle class, "it's like getting a big tax cut."

Investors may get a better sense of just how much oil is helping consumers when the Federal Reserve concludes a two-day meeting on Wednesday. The central bank statement summarizing its conclusions from such policy setting meetings can move markets. Investors will be looking to see if the statement keeps two key words: "considerable time," a reference to how long the Fed plans to keep short-term interest rates near zero.

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## Off-campus ills contribute to rape crisis

By BEVERLY WILLETT

v daughter belongs to a sorority. So I was concerned when I heard about Rolling Stone's account of an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia. The report stunned me, strung out as it was detail by salacious detail. Other than underage drinking, the Greek culture described bore no relationship to my days in college. But I knew times had changed.

Not long after publication, Rolling Stone admitted that the incident may not have occurred as reported. Predictably, news stories about journalistic hubris and setting back the clock for rape victims rolled out, followed by duels over whether claims about the fraternity rape culture have been overstated. No doubt there will be a barrage of follow-up stories, and maybe even lawsuits

And then what, after the scandal fades? Sadly, I suspect we'll remain exactly where we are now, stuck in a Nancy Grace world of finger-pointing and seeking convenient tales that fit the conclusions we've already drawn, with no progress toward solving the underlying problems.

Decades of rape awareness programming apparently haven't made a dent in the frequency of campus rapes, so decades more probably won't shift the needle either. Nor will mere mattress-toting protests by college students or swelling our jails with the latest perpetrators.

Chances are there will be no change until those involved in the catfight acknowledge the need to broaden the base of accountability for sexual assault and until all those who contribute to the problem accept responsibility. That goes well beyond those who are usually singled out for blame - the patriarchy and universities that allegedly look the other way in order

to protect their reputations.

Clearly, no rape victim is ever to blame, even if she says "yes" to walking up frater-nity house stairs, but "no" when she reaches the top.

And colleges aren't turning men into rapists once they set foot on campus soil. Sure, it's likely that many men arrive at college looking for no-strings sex. Why wouldn't they? They've been assaulted by sexually charged cultural messages from the cradle up.

And therein lies at least some of the culpability. Does this let men off the hook for criminal behavior? Certainly not. But could the culture shaping them be making matters worse? Certainly.

Even so, contrary to the stereotype, all fraternity men are not depraved animals. One of my sorority sisters, a single mother like me, raised a fine, just-graduated fraternity man. And there are many more like him. But with the way the media often depicts fraternities, any mother in her right mind would be afraid to send her daughter to college. By lumping all men together, the media miss a golden opportunity to enlist the good apples in efforts for positive

Can we assign some blame to the notion that sexual assaults are merely an unfortunate byproduct of the party culture? Or worse, the hook-up culture? Both disconnect sex from love and affection, as well as responsibility and respect. All attributes, by the way, that are antithetical to rape.

The freshman coed depicted in Rolling Stone could easily be Everywoman. A girl really, just learning how to navigate her way in the world. Young, inexperienced, anxious about being perceived as a

But who makes women feel that way? College administrators? Just men? Or could it include other women, who are also culturally conditioned to believe that the primary point of sex is merely to have fun? Aren't these women victims of a culture that assaults them from the cradle, too? A culture that works overtime to persuade them that casual, serial nonmonogamistic sex is the more enlightened viewpoint? The one that will gain them greater acceptance by their peers?

And is their only hope for protection, as some would claim, to join radical feminist protests seeking to topple the patriarchy? Or to engage in red-tape-wearing protests, enroll in sex clubs promoting female orgasms, haul mattresses around campus, and strut the SlutWalk, where students rally in revealing attire to condemn a rape culture that blames women's clothing for sexual assaults? I don't knock these efforts, but are all choices truly equal and available? Can mattress-toters be counted on to carry placards condemning "virgin sham-ing"? To advocate for women who choose not to walk up fraternity stairs in the first place? Women shouldn't have to endure a backlash condemning them for their actions, regardless of the choices they make.

In our society, we're predisposed to listen to and believe only those who already share our worldview. That narrow approach isn't going to help us end sexual assaults on campus. That kind of change will require honest, respectful conversation between the sexes, and among women and those in opposing political camps. And that dialogue will have to begin with an acknowledgment by all parties - men and women, students and parents, universities and the media - that members of both sexes are part of the problem. If they can do that, then both can, in turn, be part of the solution.

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## Learning US used torture is hard, but hardly new

By JOHN M. CRISP Tribune News Service

fter many years of teaching in college, I've concluded that few demographic groups are more pitiless, hardhearted and coldblooded than a class full of college freshmen.

Capital punishment? My students are devoted proponents, arguing that justice should be swift and merciless. In fact, many of them don't blink when they consider punishments such as hand amputation for theft and execution by stoning, practices still in use in some countries.

And torture? They've seen plenty of it on TV and it seems to work. Why should we hesitate to inflict pain if we can prevent a terrorist attack on innocent people?

But among their fellow citizens my students aren't that unusual. Many Americans aren't squeamish about torture, in theory, at least, Sarah Palin got laughs and cheers in April at the National Rifle Association convention in Indianapolis when she said "Waterboarding is how we baptize terrorists.

In fact, many of us aren't particularly disgusted or repulsed by torture in the abstract. A 2011 Pew Research Center poll reports that 53 percent of Americans believe that torture "often or sometimes" is

But, then, who were we kidding, anyway? In anticipation of the Senate Intelligence Committee's release of the executive summary of its torture report last week, American embassies around the world bolstered their security and vigilance. But a shocked reaction from the outside world never materialized, probably because no one was shocked or even particularly surprised. Torture is one of warfare's oldest weap-

ons and, while its effectiveness is questionable, few countries have defeated others without its use. The United States isn't an exception. Tim Weiner's 2007 history of the CIA, "Legacy of Ashes," documents some of the systematic and secret programs developed to dominate and terrorize an enemy.

A good example among many is the Phoenix program, which was supervised by William Colby, a future director of the CIA. Between 1968 and 1971 Phoenix used torture, Weiner reports, to interrogate Viet Cong suspects. More than 20,000 were killed.

But we've never been proud of our use of torture. In fact, the Intelligence Committee's report documents efforts by the CIA to deny or cover up the post-9/11 torture program, a sure sign that torture is something that we shouldn't be doing. And torture apologists - Dick Cheney is notable have tried to find ways to rationalize practices that are clearly torture.

These rationalizations aren't convincing. Former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, who experienced waterboarding when training as a soldier, said, "You give me a waterboard, Dick Cheney and one hour, and I'll have him confess to the Sharon Tate murders

The transparency of the executive summary of the committee's torture report is important, necessary and welcome. But it's a mistake to see it as absolution for a temporary moral deviation into torture caused by fear and an excess of caution after 9/11

Consider the Life magazine cover dated May 22, 1902. I first came across it in James Bradlev's "The Imperial Cruise," a history of Theodore Roosevelt's questionable diplomatic manipulations in Japan, China, Korea and the Philippines.

The cover displays a drawing of three American soldiers waterboarding a bound Filipino. In the background, five Europeans representing the colonial powers, for whom torture was essential, are gloating over America's surrender of the moral high ground. The caption reads: "Those pious Yankees can't throw stones at us any

America's use of torture - and our embarrassment over it - has a history that long pre-dates 9/11. Fortunately, it still pricks our conscience. And after the Senate Intelligence Committee's report, no one articulated that conscience more eloquently than Sen. John McCain, who called torture a stain on our national honor.

Some aren't fond of McCain's politics, but no one can doubt his courage and lovalty to his country. And having been tortured during his captivity in North Vietnam, he speaks with authority that apologists like Cheney cannot gainsay.

I suspect that being tortured opens a window of insight into the darkest corners of the human heart. There are a lot of other ugly things in there, as well, always ready to come out.

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### OPINION

## Policeman's body camera can't aim inward

By Jennifer Dawn Carlson

ric Garner, a 43-year-old un-armed black man, died in an altercation in July with police in which Officer Daniel Pantaleo had his arm around Garner's neck in what appeared to be a chokehold as other officers pressed Garner's body to the ground. A bystander named Ramsey Orta recorded the incident on a cellphone, and the video was presented as evidence to a New York City grand jury.

Outside that courtroom, the public fervently debated the promise of cellphones, body cameras, closed-circuit TV and other kinds of recording devices in enhancing police accountability. But inside that courtroom, the jurors debated not issues but evidence, including that video. Ultimately,

they decided against indicting Pantaleo.
President Barack Obama has proposed an ambitious plan to earmark more than \$250 million to outfit police with body cameras. The "body camera fix" promises to hold police accountable, to quell police militarization and to bridge the gulf between police and private citizens. Or so many Americans believe.

But as the grand jury decision suggests, surveillance is not the same as transparency, and cameras alone cannot fix the twin problems of police accountability and the legitimate use of force.

Cameras are not unbiased observers.

Often, they are like witnesses whose hazy memories rarely have the power to subvert powerful narratives that reflect mainstream beliefs about police and criminality. In the court of public opinion, videos may contribute to questioning of the legitimacy of police actions. In the court of law, however, such videos are often alibis, not game-changers. Case in point: A home video of Rodney King's 1991 beating by police raised public debate about police brutality and accountability, but it failed to lead to a conviction of the four officers in the initial trial.

Social psychologists provide one explanation for this. In a landmark 1980 study, Andrew Sagar and Janet Schofield asked white and black sixth-grade students to evaluate pictures of ambiguous aggression. It was unclear, for example, whether



New York Police Department Officer Joshua Jones wears a VieVu body camera on his chest during a news conference earlier this month in New York.

the student pictured was playfully jostling or threateningly pushing another child. The researchers found that all students

 black and white — were more likely to view actions as mean and threatening when performed by a black student rather than a white student.

Subsequent research has corroborated these findings in adults. Where video is ambiguous (which is more common than often assumed), the best scholarship suggests that it will buttress police accounts

rather than undercut them.

That police already have cameras in their cars — the "dash cam" — raises questions about the utility of providing police with even more capacity for surveillance. These cameras are everywhere, but they can be turned off; video can be lost, erased or corrupted; or departments can simply refuse to release video. The police police themselves.

Outfitting law enforcement with body cameras may also backfire on those it's meant to protect: people in poor communities, people of color, people in high-crime areas. Privacy may well be a thing of the past, but the erosion of privacy is not distributed equally across society.

True, cameras may reveal what organizations such as the ACLU and the Cato Institute have shown: Police disproportionately "stop and frisk" racial minorities, particularly young men of color; police make good on the saying that "the only bad arrest is no arrest" in domestic violence disputes, leading many women to avoid calling the police altogether; and no-knock raids often go wrong, injuring or killing innocent people.

However, body cameras would also expand police databases, linking police reports, fingerprints and DNA to video that disproportionately features people of color. When police say that they don't racially profile but stop people "based on experience," they will now have at their disposal thousands, if not millions, of hours of video to release - probably still at their discretion — to demonstrate their claims with the "truth" of audiovisual evidence.

Finally, the availability of police video

may well provide an opening for increased regulation of private civilians' ability to record and disseminate videos of police actions, a long-contentious issue for law enforcement. Why should civilians record police when police can do it themselves? Illinois just days ago moved to make it a felony to record a police officer, even as many officers there have embraced the idea of body cameras for themselves in recent years.

Although body cameras, under the right conditions, could enhance police accountability, we must be cautious about treating them as the be-all, end-all of police reform. On its own, a camera on every officer can never do the hard work of addressing problems of police accountability and use of force. Police cameras alone will not translate into greater accountability as long as departments rely on internal oversight. Cameras won't stop police militarization as long as police agencies apply military tactics to public law enforcement. And cameras by themselves won't repair deep-seated distrust between police and communities of color as long as officers are still trained and rewarded for tactics that, whether unintentional or not, disproportionately target racial minorities.

The conversation must also include broader reforms that seek to enhance community-police relations that create direct ties of accountability between officers and the people they police, involve community members in oversight and disentangle the military mindset from public law enforcement. And as we debate these solutions, we should consider how they might harm as well as help poor communities of color that are already the targets of intense police surveillance

There are no quick fixes. For now, we already have the cameras best positioned to enhance police accountability: those in the hands of bystanders such as Ramsey Orta. If they alone aren't sufficient, how can we expect police body cameras to do better?

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## On pot legalization, DC must defer to higher authority

BY ANDY HARRIS AND JOE PITTS any have asked why Republican legislators who profess respect for self-government and democracy would step in to overrule District of Columbia residents who voted to legalize recreational marijuana use in the city. We would like to answer that question head-on. Simply put, we believe that Congress must defend the federal government and the U.S. Constitution by preventing marijuana legalization from moving forward in the District of

Columbia. Federal policy on marijuana is neither arbitrary nor set in stone. Proper procedures exist for changing the way that marijuana is regulated in the United States, but a ballot initiative in the federal district is not one of them. If the city were allowed to proceed, it would create legal chaos.

The classification of marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance was made through a legal and scientific process established by Congress and administered by the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Agency. This classification means that the drug has a high potential for abuse, has no accepted medical use and cannot be used safely even under medical supervision.

Marijuana use is far from benign, and the effect the drug has on users can ripple through a lifetime and touch both their families and society at large.

Many studies have shown that use of marijuana can have a wide range of negative effects on an individual's brain, body and behavior. This includes short- and long-term effects on functions such as brain development, memory and cognition, motivation and lung health. Persistent marijuana users have shown a significant drop in IO between childhood and midlife.

Marijuana is the illicit drug most frequently found to be a factor in car accidents, including fatal ones. Both emergency department visits involving marijuana and treatment admissions for abuse have increased in recent years. In 2011, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, there were 128.857 emergency room visits related to marijuana use, about the same as for heroin use and almost double the number of marijuana ER visits in 2004 (65.699)

Legalization in some jurisdictions has led to increased marijuana use by teenagers. According to officials in Nebraska, areas of the state that border Colorado, where

recreational marijuana is legal, have seen an increase in the number of teens ticketed for possession of marijuana and a snike in the drug's potency. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, in a statement approved just this year, maintains that "Marijuana use is not benign, and adolescents are especially vulnerable to its many known adverse effects." The group opposes efforts to legalize the drug even for adult use.

There is much we still don't know. The NIDA is doing important research into the impact of marijuana use. We need more investigation into the health effects of recreational consumption, its effect on teen educational achievement and the economic impact of using the drug. We also need to look closely into chemical components of marijuana, such as THC and CBD, that could have medical indications and figure out ways to avoid the negative effects of smoking or ingesting marijuana.

The FDA and DEA have a process for analyzing such studies and approving controlled substances. We do not let any other substance become approved by ballot initiative. Every drug must be subject to the same strict scrutiny.

Legalizing marijuana in the District of

Columbia is a recipe for legal chaos. There are 26 separate law enforcement agencies in the city. Twenty-five of them answer only to the federal government. If the city proceeded with legalization, whether an individual is arrested for marijuana possession could hinge on whether the arresting officer works for the Metropolitan Police Department or, say, the National Park Service. Individuals possessing an amount of marijuana legal by District of Columbia law could find themselves arrested and prosecuted after they walk into a federal building or step into a federal park.

We believe every state should respect federal law and take caution prior to legalizing marijuana. Unlike in the states, though, Congress has a direct respon-sibility under Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution, for policy in the District of Columbia This does not mean we need to micromanage. The people of the District of Columbia should have a local government that is tailored to their needs. But when their wishes clearly conflict with federal law, Congress' will must be pre-eminent.

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#### College hockey

#### NCAA Division I poll

MINNEAPOLIS — The top 20 teams in the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey poll, compiled by U.S. College Hockey Online, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 14 and previous ranking:

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1. Boston University (18)	11-3-2	930	2
2. North Dakota (12)	13-4-2	896	1
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4. Harvard (11)	9-1-2	836	- 5
5. Michigan Tech	13-3-0	758	3 5 4
6. Miami	11-5-0		6
7. Minnesota-Duluth (3)	12-6-0		9
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9. UMass-Lowell	10-3-3	643	8
10. Vermont	13-3-1	612	10
11. Denver	10-5-0	510	11
12. Nebraska-Omaha	10-4-2	496	12
13. Bowling Green	11-3-2	430	13
14. Quinnipiac	10-5-1	292	15
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#### College football

#### **Bowl schedule**

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Monday, Dec. 22

Miami Beach Bowl

BYU (8-4) vs. Memphis (9-3)

Tuesday, Dec. 23

Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl

Marshall (12-1) vs. Northern Illinois

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At Honolulu
Rice (7-5) vs. Fresno State (6-7)
Friday, Dec. 26
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Illinois (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4)
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At Detroit

At Detroit
Rutgers (7-5) vs. North Carolina (6-6)
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
UCF (9-3) vs. N.C. State (7-5)

Saturday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Annapolis, Md.
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3),
1 p.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas At El Paso, Texas Duke (9-3) vs. Arizona State (9-3) Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. Miami (6-6) vs. South Carolina (6-6) Pinstripe Bowl

Pinstripe Bowl
Boston College (7-5) vs. Penn State (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (SEPN)
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Monday, Bec. 29
Liberty Bowl
West Virginia (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (7-5)

Russell Athletic Bowl

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson (9-3) vs. Oklahoma (8-4)
Texas Bowl
At Houston
Texas (6-6) vs. Arkansas (6-6)
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.

Notre Dame (7-5) vs. LSU (8-4) Belk Bowl At Charlotte, N.C.

At Cause Devin M.C.

Louisville (93) vs. Georgia (9-3)
Fosters Farm Bowl
Fosters Farm Bowl
Stanford (7-5) vs. Maryland (7-5)
Wednesday, Dec. 31
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At Allanta
Mississippi (9-3) vs. TGU (11-1)
Mississippi (9-3) vs. TGU (11-1)
Mississippi (9-3) vs. TGU (11-1)
Mississippi (3-3) vs. TGU (11-1)
Mississippi State (10-2) vs. Arizona (10-3)
Mash Mania Gardens, Fla.
Tech (10-3)
Tech (10-3)
Thursday, Jan 1
Tech Mississippi State (10-2) vs. Georgia

Number 2 | Thursday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl

Saturday, Jan. 3
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Florida (6-5) vs. East Carolina (8-4)
GoDaddy Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.

Survival Sover At Mobile, Ala State (7-5)
Saturday, Jan. 10
Medal of Honor Bowl
At Charleston, S.C.
American vs. National
Monday, Jan. 12
College Football Championship
At Arlington, Texas
Sugar Bowl winner vs. Rose Bowl win-

Saturday, Jan. 17
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
National vs. American
Saturday, Jan. 24
Serior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.

North vs. South

FCS playoffs

Second Round
Saturday, Dec.

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Second Saturday, Dec.

New Hampshire 44, Fordham 19
Chattanouga 35, Indiana State 14
Coastal Carolina 36, Richmond 15
Ilinois State 41, Northern lowa 21
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State 25
State 27, Jacksonville
State 26

North Dakota State 27, South Dakota

ate 24
Eastern Washington 37, Montana 20
Villanova 29, Liberty 22
Quarterfinals
Friday, Dec. 12
New Hampshire 35, Chattanooga 30
Saturday, Dec. 13
North Datota State 39, Coastal Caro-

lina 32 Sam Houston State 34, Villanova 31 Illinois State 59, Eastern Washington

Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 19
Sam Houston State (11-4) at North Dakota State (13-1)
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Saturday, Dec. 20 Illinois State (12-1) at New Hampshire Championship

Saturday, Jan. 10 At FC Dallas Stadium Frisco, Texas Semifinal winners

#### **NCAA Division II playoffs**

NUAA Division II playoffs
Second Round
Concord (WWA) 51, West Chester 36
Bloomsburg 35, Virpinia State 14
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West Georgia 37, Delta State 27
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West Georgia 37, Delta State 27
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Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 6
Concord (W.Va.) 32, Bloomsburg 26

West Georgia 31, Valdosta State 17 Minnesota State-(Mankato) 44, Minnesota-Duluth 17 Colorado State-Pueblo 31, Ohio Dominican 28

Semifinals Semtimals Saturday, Dec. 13 Minnesota State-(Mankato) 47, Con-cord (W.Va.) 13 Colorado State-Pueblo 10, West Geor-gia 7

## Championship Saturday, Dec. 20 At Sporting Park Kansas City, Kan.

Minnesota State-(Mankato) (14-0) vs. Colorado State-Pueblo (13-1)

#### NCAA Division III playoffs Second Round Saturday, Nov. 29 Widener 37, Christopher Newport 27

Wesley 59, MIT 0 Hobart 24, Johns Hopkins 21 Mount Union 67, Washington & Jeffer-

on 0
Wisconsin-Whitewater 38, Wabash 14
Wartburg 21, St. John's (Minn.) 10
Linfield 31, Mary Hardin-Baylor 28
John Carroll 14, Wheston (Ill.) 12
Saturday, Dec. 6
Wesley 41, Hobart 13
Linfield 45, Widener 7
Mount Union 36, John Carroll 28
Wisconsin-Whitewater 37, Wartburg

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 13
Mount Union 70, Wesley 2,
Wisconsin-Whitewater 20, Linfield 14
Amos Alono Stagg Bowl
Amos Alono Stagg Bowl
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.
Mount Union (14-0) vs. Wisconsinhitewater (14-0)

#### NAIA playoffs

Quarterfinals Saturday, Nov. 29 Morningside (Iowa) 56, Missouri Val-

ley 28 Marian (Ind.) 34, Grand View (Iowa) 6 Southern Oregon 45, Carroll (Mont.) Saint Xavier (III.) 30, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) 17

y.) 17
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 6
Marian (Ind.) 41, Morningside (Iowa)

Southern Oregon 62, Saint Xavier (III.) Championship Friday, Dec. 19 At Municipal Stadiu Daytona Beach, Fla.
Marian (Ind.) (11-2) vs. Southern Oregon (12-2)

College basketball

#### AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poli, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

1. Kentucky (65)	11-0	1,625	1
2. Duke	8-0	1,545	2
3. Arizona	10-0	1,505	
4. Louisville	9-0	1.349	- 4
5. Wisconsin	10-1	1,331	5
6. Virginia	9-0	1,294	6
7. Villanova	10-0	1,215	7
8. Gonzaga	9-1	1.175	9
9. Texas		1,154	
10. Kansas		1,102	
11. Wichita St.	7-1	959	11
12. Ohio St.	8-1	838	12
13. Iowa St.	8-1	772	14
14, Utah		670	
15, Oklahoma	6-2	647	16
<ol><li>Washington</li></ol>	8-0	598	17
17. Maryland	10-1	512	19
18, Miami	9-1		20
<ol><li>San Diego St.</li></ol>	7-2		
20. St. John's	8-1	353	24
21. Notre Dame	10-1	351	25
22. West Virginia	9-1	333	22
23. Butler	8-2	259	
24, North Carolina	6-3	122	21
25. Michigan St.	7-3		_
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Others receiving votes: Baylor 97, TCU 80, Colorado St. 75, N. Iowa 65, George-town 41, California 37, Arkansas 19, Se-ton Hall 14, VCU 6, LSU 4, Oklahoma St. 4,

#### Monday's men's scores EAST Wilmington (Del.) 99, Mercy 69

Campbellsyllie 31, Ohlo Christian 75
Georgia Souther 68, South Florida 63
Georgia Tech 70, Appalachian St. 57
Guilford 75, Newleyan 70
Howard 57, IUPUJ 47
Howard 57, IUPUJ 47
Howard 58, 100, Howard 57, IUPUJ 47
Norfolk 51, 88, Virgnia-Wise 49
Queens (NC) 52, Johnson C. Smith 76
Tennessee Tech 82, North Florida 80
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Tougadoo 69, Spring Hill 50

UNC Pembroke 86, Mount Olive 74 Xavier (NO) 72, Faulkner 63 MIDWEST

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Baker 88, Haskell Indian Nations 76
Cleveland St. 86, Mount Vernon Naza-ne 40 ne 40 Drake 76, Jackson St. 66

Drake 76, Jackson St. 66 Marygrove 78, Olivet 72 UT-Martin 81, III.-Chicago 78, OT Wayne (Mich.) 67, N. Michigan 43 SOUTHWEST Lamar 128, Champion Baptist 54 Oral Roberts 80, Missouri St. 61 Schreiner 60, McMurry 35 Tarleton St. 100, Paul Quinn 65 Texas A&M Commerce 71, S. Arkansas

UTSA 73, Texas A&M-CC 60 FAR WEST FAR WEST
Cal Poly 78, San Francisco 71
Gonzaga 94, Texas Southern 54
Grand Canyon 60, Bethune-Cookman

#### Oregon St. 71, Grambling St. 43 Pepperdine 78, South Alabama 68 Men's Top 25 schedule

Wednesday's games No. 12 Ohio State vs. N.C. A&T No. 16 Washington vs. Grambling

No. 19 San Diego State at Cincinnati No. 25 Michigan State vs. Easter Michigan

Michigan

No. 2 Duke vs. UConn at the Izod Centers East Rutherford, N.J.
No. 6 Virginia vs. Cleveland State
No. 3 Arizona at UTEP
No. 18 Miami vs. Eastern Kentucky
No. 20 St. John's vs. Saint Mary's (Cal)
Saturday's games
No. 1 Kentucky vs. UCLA at the United

Center No. 4 Louisville at Western Kentucky No. 7 Villanova vs. Syracuse at Wells

Fargo Center No. 8 Gonzaga vs. Cal Poly at KeyAre-

Vegas No. 19 San Diego State vs. Ball State No. 21 Notre Dame vs. Purdue at Bank-

ers Life Fieldhouse No. 22 West Virginia vs. N.C. State at No. 22 West Virginia Vs. N.C. State at Madison Square Garden No. 23 Butler vs. Indiana at Bankers Life Fieldhouse No. 25 Michigan State vs. Texas South-

#### AP Women's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poli, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

1. South Carolina (25)

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Monday's women's scores

Monday's Women's Scores

Buffalo 51, st. Bonaventure 44
Caldwell 80, American International 74
Dist. of Columbia 79, Virginia Union 61
George Washington 63, Memphis 44
Dist. of Columbia 79, Albertus MagQuinnipiac 66, Albany (NY) 62
Susquehanna 71, Marywood 42
South Scouth 18, Mary

Akron 81, Bethune-Cookman 63 Alabama St. 82, Bluefield St. 73

Alabama St. 82, Bluefield St. 73 Carson-Newman 61, King (Tenn.) 48 Catawba 84, Tusculum 74 Chowan 69, UNC Pembroke 48 Coker 62, GRU Augusta 44 Kentucky Wesleyan 66, Oakland City

Lander 67, Fayetteville St. 58 Lewis 96, Trevecca Nazarene 71 Lincoln Memorial 86, Newberry 76 Lindsey Wilson 94, Brescia 82 Mississippi 51, 104, MVSU 44 Radford 60, Wofford 59 Spring Hill 81, Tougaloo 70 St. Augustine's 95, Paine 92 MIDWEST

MIDWEST Ball St. 76, Charlotte 66 Concordia (Wis.) 82, Marantha Baptist

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3 James Madison 67, Ohio 60
N. Kentucky 77, Marquette 68
Northwestern 62, Gonzaga 43
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Colivet 83, Marygrove 52
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St. Cattherine 187, Marian (Ind.) 70
S. Dakota St., 65, Middle Tennessee 61
Woyne 61
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Abillene Christian 100, 5W Christian 52
Kolahoma 52
Koltahoma 52
Kall Kennessee 51
Tennessee 51, 72, Texas A&M-CC 61
Texas A&M-CC 6

FAR WEST

Montana St. 76, Montana St.-Billings

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TOURNAMENT Rollins Invitational First Round Indianapolis 57, Tarleton St. 51

#### Women's Top 25 schedule

No. 1 South Carolina at Hampton No. 1 South Carolina at Hampton No. 3 Texas vs. McNeese State No. 7 Stanford at Chattanooga No. 13 Duke vs. Oklahoma No. 21 Mississippi State at Louisiana-Line No. 25 No. 2

No. 25 DePaul at Loyola of Chicago Thursday's games
No. 10 Louisville at Grand Canyon
No. 19 Oklahoma State at Webe

State

Friday's games

No. 2 UConn vs. No. 25 DePaul at Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport, Conn.

No. 6 North Carolina vs. Maine at Myrtte Beach (S.C.) Convention Center

No. 9 Baylor vs. No. 19 Syracuse at Harold & Ted Alfond Sports Center, Winter

Park, Fla. No. 13 Duke vs. UMass-Lowell No. 16 Oregon State vs. Southern II-linois at the Convocation Center, New

Orleans

Orleans

No. 1 South Carolina vs. Central Michigan at Williams Arena. Minneapolis

No. 1 South Carolina vs. Central Michigan at Williams Arena. Minneapolis

No. 9 Baylor vs. No. 18 Michigan State

Harold & Ted Alfond Sports Center,
Winter Park, Fla.

No. 15 Georgia vs. High Point

No. 15 Georgia vs. Furman

No. 16 Oregon State vs. Newada at the
Convocatino Center, New Orleans

No. 21 Mississippi State vs. Illinois
Nicap at South Point Arena, Las Vegas

No. 22 West Virginia vs. Marshall at
Charleston (WA.) Chiri Centra

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL/NHL



Duke's Jahlil Okafor shoots over Elon's Ryan Winters during the first half on Monday. Okafor had a double-double by halftime.

#### Top 25 roundup

## Okafor celebrates in style in Duke win

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Jahlil Okafor had a season-high 25 points and set a Duke freshman record with 20 rebounds in the secondranked Blue Devils' 75-62 victory over Elon on Monday night.

Amile Jefferson added 13 points and Justise Winslow had 12 for Duke (9-0). Okafor had the Blue Devils'

first 20-rebound game since Elton Brand in 1998

The Blue Devils showed the requisite rust while playing their first game in 12 days — finishing with a season-worst 17 turnovers and making just 14 of 27 free throws. But they never trailed and led by as many as 20.

Playing on his 19th birthday, Okafor broke the school's singlegame rebounding mark for freshmen set in 1977 by Mike Gminski, who had 17.

This was the second doubledouble of his brief Duke career and he took care of this one by halftime with 10 points and 11 rebounds at the break.

Luke Eddy finished with 16 points to lead Elon (5-5), which shot 42 percent to keep the final margin respectable.

The Phoenix - who shoot 37 percent from three-point range
— made just five threes. But three of them came in a span of about 50 seconds early in the second half, and that made things momentarily tense.

Collin Luther hit from long range with just under 17 minutes left to make it 44-33.

Okafor followed by banking in a jumper to start the 11-2 run that restored Duke's comfortable lead. Winslow's three with 131/2 minutes left put the Blue Devils

Elon pulled within 12 points before Jefferson hit layups some 20 seconds apart and Rasheed Sulaimon followed with a jumper to put Duke up 63-45 with 81/2 minutes remaining.

Sulaimon finished with 11 points for the Blue Devils, who had been off for final exams since their 10-point win at No. 2 Wisconsin on Dec. 3.

No. 8 Gonzaga 94, Texas Southern 54: Kyle Wiltjer scored 21 points to help the host Bulldogs rout the Tigers.

Wiltjer made nine of 11 shots, including all three of his threepoint attempts.

Domantas Sabonis added 16 points, Silas Melson 13 and Kevin Pangos 11 for Gonzaga (10-1). which was coming off a victory at UCLA, Gonzaga has a 32-game home winning streak, second-longest in the nation behind Duke's 37 straight home wins.

#### **NHL** scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Tampa Bay	32	19	10	3	41	107	86	
Montreal	31	19	10	2	40	83	79	
Toronto	30	18	9	3	39	103	85	
Florida	28	12		8	32	64	74	
Boston	30	15	13	2	32	76	78	
Ottawa	30	12	12		30	80	86	
Buffalo	31	13	16	2	28	61	95	
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Pittsburgh	30	20	6	4	44	98	71	
N.Y. Islanders	31	21	10	0	42	99	89	
Washington	29	14	10	5	33	85	79	
N.Y. Rangers	28	14	10	4	32	84	77	
New Jersey	32	11	15	6	28	74	94	
Philadelphia	29	11	13	5	27	79	87	
Columbus	29	12	15	2	26	71	95	
Carolina	29	8	18	3	19	61	83	
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#### Western Conference Central Division

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St. Louis	30	20	8	2	42	89 70				
Nashville	29	19	8	2	40	78 57				
Winnipeg	31	15	10	6	36	73 74				
Minnesota	28	16	11	ī	33	81 70				
Dallas	29	11	13	5	27	85 103				
Colorado	30	10	13	7	27	78 98				
Pacific Division										
Anaheim	32	21	6	5	47	95 83				
Vancouver	30	18	10	ž	38	89 86				
San Jose	32	17	11	4	38	90 82				
Los Angeles	31	15	10	6	36	82 73				
Calgary	32	17	13	ž	36	95 85				
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Monday's games
Buffalo 5, Ottawa 4, 50
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 2
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Tampa Bay at Philadelphia
Anaheim at Toronto
Carolina at Montreal
Columbus at Detroit
Washington at Florida
Los Angeles at St. Louis
Buffalo at Winninea Boston at Nashville
Buffalo at Winnipeg
Minnesota at Chicago
N.Y. Rangers at Calgary
Edmonton at Arizona
Wednesday's games
Ottawa at New Jersey
Boston at Minnesota
Dallas at Vancouver

#### Monday

## Islanders 3, Devils 2 (SO)

N.Y. Islanders won shootout 2-1
First Period—1, New Jersey, Zidlicky 4
(Gomez, Jagr), 12:15 (pp), 2, New Jersey,
Gomez 2 (Jagr, Zidlicky), 15:20.
Second Period—3, N.Y. Islanders, Bai-

somez A Jagar, Zollecky, N. S. Choders, Bal-ley (Stforme, Grabovski), 15:1. Third Period – 4, N.Y. Islanders, Martin (Czikas, et hean), 10.45; Mental (Czikas, et he

A-13,408 (16,170). T-2:34.

#### Penguins 4, Lightning 2

Pitsburgh 1 2 1-4
First Period-1, Pittsburgh, Sutter 7
(Scuder), 19:09 (sh), 2, Tampa Bay, Dr.
Second Period-3, Pittsburgh, Rust
1 (Eibsett), 2:55, 4, Pittsburgh, Downie 5
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## Sabres 5, Senators 4 (SO)

Ottawa J., senators 4 (SO)

Ottawa 1 1 2 8-4

Buffalo won shootout 1-0

First Period -1, Ottawa, Ryan 7 (Hoffman, Zibanejad), 7244, 476, 185 (Stallard, 1854)

Second Period -2, Buffalo, 185 (Solidard, 1854)

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#### NHL roundup

## Pair of Pens notch first goal in victory

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 28 shots, Bryan Rust and Brian Dumoulin scored their first NHL goals and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2 on Monday night.

Brandon Sutter added a shorthanded goal and Steve Downie had a goal and an assist as the Peguins beat the Lightning for the 10th straight time.

Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby missed his third straight game due to the mumps, though he is expected to return later in the week.

Jonathan Drouin and Nikita Kucherov scored for Tampa Bay. Lightning goalie Ben Bishop left after the first period with a lowerbody injury and did not return. Evgeni Nabokov made 18 saves in two periods and took the loss.

Islanders 3, Devils 2 (SO): Josh Bailey scored the winning goal in the fifth round of the shootout after host New York ral-

lied in the third period for the second straight game. Bailey fired a shot between the pads of Long Island native Keith Kincaid, who was trying for his first NHL victory in front of near-

ly two dozen family members. He was in line for the win until Matt Martin scored with 4:15 left. New York is 6-0 in shootouts and 9-0 after regulation.

Sabres 5. Senators 4 (SO): Matt Moulson scored the only goal of the shootout to lift Buffalo to its sixth straight home win.

Moulson and Rasmus Ristolainen also scored in regulation for the Sabres, who have won a season-high four straight overall and improved to 10-3 since starting the season 3-13-2.



Brian Dumoulin, right, celebrates his first NHL goal with teammates as he returns to the Penguins bench in the third period on Monday.



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### SPORTS BRIEFS

### AP All-America team

#### First team

Ouarterback — Marcus Mariota, junior, 6-foot-4, 219 pounds, Oregon Marcus Mariota, junior, 6-foot-4, 219 pounds, Oregon — Melvin Gordon, junior, 6-1, 213, Running backs — Melvin Gordon, junior, 6-1, 213, Tackles — Brandon Scherff, senior, 6-5, 320, lovid Spencer Drango, junior, 6-6, 310, Baylor, 39, Forda Senior, 19-foot, 19-

burn. Tight End — Nick O'Leary, senior, 6-3, 247, Florida

ligin Enu – Insa – State. Wide receivers – Amari Cooper, junior, 6-1, 210, Alabama; Rashard Higgins, sophomore, 6-2, 188, Colorado State. Kicker – Roberto Aguayo, sophomore, 6-1, 203,

Kicker — Roberto Aguayo, Sopriolitore, 6-1, 205, Florida State.
All-purpose player — Shaq Thompson, junior, 6-1, 228, Washington.

ZZB, Washington. DEFENSE
Ends — Joey Bosa, sophomore, 6-5, 278, Ohio
State: Vic Beasley, senior, 6-3, 235, Clemson.
Tackles — Malcolm Brown, junior, 6-2, 320, Texas;
Danny Shelton, Junior, 6-2, 339, Washington.

Danny Shelton, Junior, 6-2, 339, Washington. Linebackers – Scooby Wright III, Sophomore, 6-1, 246, Arizona; Hau'oli Kikaha, senior, 6-3, 246, Wash-ington; Paul Dawson, senior, 6-2, 230, TCU. Cornerbacks – Senquez Golson, senior, 5-9, 176, Mississippi; Iffo Expre-Olomu, senior, 5-10, 195, Or-

egon. Safeties — Landon Collins, junior, 6-0, 222, Ala-bama; Gerod Holliman, sophomore, 6-2, 213, Louisville. Punter — Tom Hackett, junior, 5-11, 187, Utah.

#### Second team

Quarterback — Trevone Boykin, junior, TCU
Running backs — James Conner, sophomore,
Pittsburgh, Ameer Abdullah, senior, Nebraska.
Tackles — La el Collins, senior, LSU; Andrus Peat,
junior, Stanford.

junior, Stanford. Guards — Arie Kouandjio, senior, Alabama; A.J. Cann, senior, South Carolina. Center — Hroniss Grassu, senior, Oregon. Tight End — Maxx Williams, sophomore, Minne-sota

sota.
Wide receivers — Kevin White, senior, West Vir-ginia: Rashad Greene, senior, Florida State. Kicker — Brad Craddock, junior, Maryland. All-purpose player — Tyler Lockett, senior, Kansas State

DEFENSE

Ends — Shane Ray, junior, Missouri; Nate Orchard, senior, Utah.
Tackles — Leonard Williams, junior, Southern Callfornia; Robert Niemdiche, sophomore, Mississippi, Tackles — Leonard Williams, junior, Southern Callfornia; Robert Niemdiche, sophomore, Notice Senior, 102 Apr. 2016, 1987, 198

#### Third team

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Micker — Josh Lambert, sophomore, West Virginia, purpose player — J. Nebeon, senior, UAB.
Ali-purpose player — J. Nebeon, senior, UAB.
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## **Stacked with All-Americans**

## Playoff teams boast their share of players named to AP squads

The College Football Playoff participants are well represented on The Associated Press All-America team.

Florida State leads the way with three first-team All-Americans: tight end Nick O'Leary, guard Tre Jackson and kicker Roberto Aguavo, who is an All-American for the second straight season.

Oregon and Alabama each have two, including a couple of Heisman Trophy

Heisman winner Marcus Mariota is the first Ducks quarterback to be an All-American. He is joined by Ducks cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Olomu.

The second-seeded Ducks will play third-seeded Florida State on Jan. 1 at the

Crimson Tide receiver Amari Cooper, third in the Heisman voting, made the first team along with his teammate, safety Landon Collins. The top-ranked Tide will face fourth-seeded Ohio State and All-America defensive end Joey Bosa on New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl.

Florida State also had the most players on the three All-America teams with six. Receiver Rashad Greene and safety Jalen Ramsey made the second team and defensive tackle Eddie Goldman was a thirdteam selection.

Also on the 89th AP All-America team: ■ Washington's Shaq Thompson played both offense and defense this season and excelled both ways, making him the perfect guy to be the first-team all-purpose

player. Thompson scored six touchdowns, three by fumble return, two rushing and one by interception return.

The Huskies joined Florida State as the only teams with three players on the first team. Washington also was represented by defensive tackle Danny Shelton and linebacker Hau'oli Kikaha, who leads the nation in sacks with 18.

A couple of traditional basketball powers were represented on the All-America team for the first time in a while.

Duke guard Laken Tomlinson became the first Blue Devils player selected AP All-American since receiver Clarkston Hines made the first team in 1989.

Indiana running back Tevin Coleman is the first Hoosiers player to be an All-



ama defensive back Landon Collins is among the players from the teams in the College Football Playoffs on the AP All-America team. Teammate Amari Cooper also made the first team. Florida State had the most (three) named to the first team.

American since running back Vaughn Dunbar was a firstr-teamer in 1991. ■ The Pac-12 led the way with seven

players on the first team, followed by the Atlantic Coast Conference with six The Southeastern Conference and Big

Ten each had four players chosen to the first team. The Big 12 had three. The lone player from outside the Big Five conferences to make the first team was Colorado State receiver Rashard Higgins.

In other college football news:

■ Les Miles has informed LSU athletic officials that he hasn't been contacted by Michigan about the Wolverines' coaching vacancy and has no intention of leaving the Tigers.

LSU spokesman Michael Bonnette says Miles sought to make his status with LSU clear Monday following reports by news outlets in Michigan, citing unidentified sources, that Miles had been contacted about the Michigan job.

Miles is in his 10th season at LSU.

A person close to the search says Flor-

ida has hired Mississippi State's Geoff Collins as its new defensive coordinator. The person spoke to The Associated

Press Tuesday on the condition of anonymity because coach Jim McElwain has not officially announced the hire.

#### White Sox add OF Cabrera

CHICAGO - The new-look White Sox added another bat to their potent lineup on Tuesday, announcing a \$42 million, threeyear contract with free-agent outfielder Melky Cabrera.

The 30-year-old Cabrera will make \$13 million next year, \$14 million in 2016 and \$15 million in the final season of the deal. The agreement also includes limited notrade protection.

The busy White Sox already had a news conference scheduled for Tuesday to introduce offseason acquisitions Jeff Samardziia and David Robertson, and the team said Cabrera also will be available.

In other MLB news:

■ Outfielder Alex Rios and the Kansas City Royals have agreed to an \$11 million, one-year contract, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said Monday

#### Kings' Voynov can face charge

TORRANCE, Calif. - Slava Vovnov's wife told police the Los Angeles Kings defenseman hit, choked and pushed her into a television in their bedroom during a fight in October, an officer testified on Monday.

After hearing the description of the injuries to Voynov's wife, a judge ruled there is enough evidence against the player for him to stand trial on a felony domestic violence

Voynov has pleaded not guilty to one felony count of corporal injury to a spouse with great bodily injury, and will be re-arraigned on the charge on Dec. 29. The NHL has indefinitely suspended

Vovnov while the case is pending.



### Scoreboard

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The Bulls' Pau Gasol, right, looks to shoot against the Hawks' Paul Millsap in the fourth quarter Monday in Atlanta. Atlanta won 93-86.

#### Celtics 105, 76ers 87

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#### Calendar

Jan. 5 - 10-day contracts can be signed.

Jan. 10 - Contracts guaranteed for rest of season.

Feb. 13-15 — All-Star weekend, New

## Cavs' pair of runs turn back Hornets

CLEVELAND LeBron James and Kevin Love were at the top of their game Monday night.

That's bad news for any opponent, which the Charlotte Hornets discovered in Cleveland's 97-88 win.

James scored 27 points with 13 assists while Love added 22 points and 18 rebounds in a game highlighted by big runs from both teams.

The Cavaliers jumped to a 21-0 lead, but the Hornets regrouped and got within two points early in the third quarter before Cleveland pulled away.

In information provided by the Cavaliers from Elias Sports Bureau, the 21-0 lead to start a game is the largest to start a game since Portland scored the first 22 points against Boston in 2004.

"Being 21 down against an elite team on their floor is tough to overcome," Hornets coach Steve Clifford said. "We played a good enough offensive game to win against a terrific team, but our first-quarter defense was obviously poor." Charlotte got the lead into

single digits in the second quarter and trailed 59-57 early in the third, but Cleveland ended the third on a 21-9 run.

"We had a lull in the second quarter and in the third quarter.

which really allowed them to get back in the game, but we sustained the effort for close to 48

minutes," James said. While James displayed his noted passing ability, he was the recipient of two length-of-thecourt passes from Love for dunks that brought the crowd to its feet.

The plays brought back memories of James' high school days when he played football.

"It's a unique gift that he has that not too many guys in our league have." James said. "He can go over the head, two-handed. Me, being a wide receiver in my day, I can go 'em also."

Kyrie Irving scored 16 points for the Cavaliers, who were coming off consecutive road losses to Oklahoma City and New Orleans after winning eight in a row.

Kemba Walker led Charlotte with 24 points. Al Jefferson added 14 for the Hornets who are 1-10 away from home - the worst road record in the NBA. Charlotte has lost three straight and 13 of 15.

Charlotte center Cody Zeller left the game late in the fourth quarter after hitting his head on the floor while scrambling for a loose ball with Anderson Vareigo.

The Hornets called the injury a nasal confusion and Zeller had a large bump at the top of his nose. He was to be examined Tuesday.



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### **NBA ROUNDUP**

## **Late three-pointer lifts Bucks past Suns**

PHOENIX - Khris Middleton didn't have a good feeling when the ball left his hand right before the final buzzer sounded. The craziest shot of his career - as he called it - hit the backboard and hung on the rim momentarily before dropping into the net three-pointer that gave the Milwaukee Bucks a 96-94 win over the Phoenix Suns Monday night. "I didn't feel it at all." Middle-

ton said. "It wasn't the greatest look but it fell for me. My first one in the league. It's a great feeling but you don't want to be in that situation. You want to win games as easy as you can.

The Bucks trailed 94-93 after Markieff Morris knocked down a 14-foot jumper from inside the free-throw line with 3.9 seconds left. Morris led the Suns with 25 points, including two buckets in the last 24 seconds of a back-andforth final five minutes.

Brandon Knight dropped in a running jump shot with 7.2 seconds left, part of his team-high 20 points for the Bucks (13-12). Middleton added 14.

Suns guard Isaiah Thomas scored 11 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter. Thomas hit three three-pointers and a lavup between the 9:41 and 8:03 marks of the fourth, and Phoenix went up by 10 points.

The Bucks rallied and the Suns (12-14) dropped their sixth straight game, despite the Bucks losing prized rookie Jabari Parker to injury early in the second half.

Parker was hurt as he took an awkward step before colliding with the Suns' P.J. Tucker. He fell to the court and couldn't get to his feet as he clutched his knee

Celtics 105, 76ers 87: Kelly Olynyk scored a career-high 30 points to lead Boston to a victory over host Philadelphia.

Avery Bradley had 15 points, and Brandon Bass and Jeff Green added 14 apiece for Boston (8-14), which snapped a three-game



The Bucks' Khris Middleton is picked up by teammate Brandon Knight (11) after scoring the game-winning basket against the Suns on Monday. Milwaukee won 96-94.

Rookie Nerlens Noel had a career-high 19 points for the 76ers (2-22), who dropped to 0-13 at home this season.

Raptors 95, Magic 82: Lou Williams scored 18 points and Kyle Lowry had 17 as host Toronto won its 10th straight game over Orlando.

Amir Johnson scored 11 points and Patrick Patterson had 10 for the Raptors.

Tobias Harris scored 18 points, Ben Gordon had 16, Nikola Vucevic had 13 and Victor Oladipo 12 for the Magic.

Pacers 110 Lakers 91: Rodnev Stuckey scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead host Indiana over Los Angeles.

The Lakers shot 33 percent from the floor and trailed by 39 points during the game.

CJ Miles scored 20, David West and C.J. Watson each scored 12, and Donald Sloan scored 17 points for Indiana. Kobe Bryant led the Lakers in scoring with 21 points. shooting 8-for-26 from the floor.

Hawks 93. Bulls 86: Al Horford scored 21 points, including a huge jumper with just under a minute remaining, and streaking Atlanta won for the 10th time in 11 games with a victory over visiting Chicago.

Jimmy Butler led the Bulls with 22 points. The Bulls had won six straight over the Hawks.

Trail Blazers 108, Spurs 95: Damian Lillard had 23 points and a career-high 10 rebounds as host Portland downed short-handed San Antonio

LaMarcus Aldridge added 23 points and 14 rebounds for the Blazers, who have won seven of their last nine games. But starting center Robin Lopez injured his right hand early in the second half and did not return.

Clippers 113, Pistons 99: Blake Griffin scored 18 points and DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 15 rebounds, as Los Angeles breezed past visiting Detroit.

Chris Paul had 11 points and eight assists.

J.J. Redick scored 14 points, and his streak of 29 games with a three-pointer ended one game shy of teammate Matt Barnes franchise record.







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### COLLEGE FOOTBALL/OLYMPICS



JULIE BENNETT, AL.COM/AP

Auburn coach Gus Malzahn talks during a post-practice news conference on Monday in Auburn, Ala. The shooting death Jakell Mitchell over the weekend is just the latest hard hit absorbed by the team.

## **Tough times for Auburn**

## Football team again forced to cope with a player's death

By John Zenor

AUBURN, Ala. — The Auburn Tigers have been forced to cope with mounting trauma and tragedy in the four years since winning the national championship, and the latest emotional strain to hit the team was the weekend shooting death of redshirt freshman Jakell Mitchell.

The 18-year-old from Opelika, Ala, is the fourth recent Auburn player to die in the last 2½ years, and the third in a shooting at the same apartment complex a few miles from campus. It left coaches and players once again dealing with the pain of losing a friend and teammate.

"I've been through a lot of tragedies since I've been here," wide receiver Sammie Coates said on Monday.

"Every time something

happens, it

breaks your

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don't want to see something like that happen to your family member."

Mitchell, a tight end/H-back, died after being shot in the chest early Sunday morning at the off-campus apartments where two ex-Auburn players and another man were killed, and a third player wounded in June 2012.

Police arrested Markale Deandra Hart, 22, of Camp Hill, Ala., on murder charges in the latest shooting, not long before the Tigers started preparation Monday for the Outback Bowl against Wisconsin.

Auburn players will wear Mitchell's No. 31 on their helmets at the Jan. 1 bowl game.



ALBERT CESARE, MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER/AP

From left, Ty'lavil Robertson, 12, Keneisha Forman, 17, and Kaylan Hamby, 18, light candles during a vigil for Auburn football player Jakell Mitchell in downtown Opelika, Ala., on Monday. Mitchell died early Sunday morning from multiple gunshot wounds.

"The last 48 hours have been tough and challenging," coach Gus Malzahn said. "We lost a member of our family that was very close to our players, our coaches. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jakell's family in this time."

Emotionally, remaining positive has been challenging at times since Auburn won the 2010 national championship.

A 3-9 debacle two years after the title season and the subsequent firing of coach Gene Chizik now seem mild compared to the off-the-field travails, including the death of popular former player Philip Lutzenkirchen:

■ The first occurred two months after the Tigers won the national championship. Four Auburn players were arrested on robbery charges, including starting safety Mike McNeil. Dakota Mosley, Shaun Kitchens and McNeil all pleaded guilty last year and were sentenced to three years in prison. A fourth player, Antonio Goodwin, was convicted and received a 15-year sentence.

■ The apartment complex has been renamed since the 2012 shooting. Former Auburn players Ed Christian and Ladarious Phillips and a third man, DeMario Pitts, were shot to death during an argument at a late-night gathering. Then-offensive lineman Eric Mack was one of three wounded in the incident. Desmonte Leonard of Montgomery was convicted of murder and is scheduled to be sentenced next month in the triple slaying.

triple slaying.

Lutzenkirchen died in a onecar crash where he was a passenger on June 30. He and driver
Joseph Ian Davis, who was also
killed, were both well above the
legal blood-alcohol level, according to authorities. The tight end
was the first player Malzahn recruited when he arrived as Auburn's offensive coordinator after
the 2008 season.

Sadly, for Coates and the Tigers, the list of lost teammates got longer over the weekend.

"All my brothers that I lost, it hurts still," Coates said. "It just hurts so bad to lose people you care about who are part of your family.

"It tears you apart."

## Rome's bid for 2024 Olympics could involve the Vatican

By Andrew Dampf The Associated Press

ROME — Sailing in Sardinia. Boxing in Florence. Basketball in

Boxing in Florence. Basketball in Milan. Water polo in Naples. And how about badminton or archery in St. Peter's Square?

Italian Premier Matteo Renzi announced Monday that Rome will propose a cost-conscious bid to host the 2024 Olympics that will take advantage of IOC President Thomas Bach's newly approved reforms allowing events to be held outside the host city.

The decision comes two years after Italy scrapped plans to bid for the 2020 Games because of financial concerns.

"The Italian government, together with CONI, is ready to do its part for a project that isn't based on great infrastructures or big dreams but rather great people," Premier Matteo Renzi said at Italian Olympic Committee headquarters. "We will be at the vanguard for all the spending controls."

Italy, which hosted the 1960

Italy, which hosted the 1960 Olympics, launched a bid for the 2020 Games but dropped out after then-premier Mario Monti refused to provide financial backing at a time of economic crisis.

The new bid comes with Italy's economy still stagnant and amid a widening corruption scandal in Rome. Rome is considering a budget of

\$7.5 billion — \$2 billion of which would be covered by the IOC — or roughly half of what London spent in 2012.

"I don't want to get into details but that's a fairly realistic number," CONI president Giovanni Malago said. "My dream is to have a bid supported with private monev."

Italy is the second country to declare its intention to bid. Germany has already announced that it will submit a bid from either Berlin or Hamburg, with the choice to be made in March

France is likely to approve a Paris bid next year, and the U.S. Olympic Committee will make a decision Tuesday on whether to bid. Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington are vying to be the U.S. candidate.

Other possible contenders include Doha, Qatar; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Baku, Azerbaijan; Istanbul, Turkey; Budapest, Hungary; and a city or province

in South Africa.

The Rome bid is expected to include many of the venues used for the 1960 Games — notably the Foro Italico complex that includes the athletics and football stadium, plus swimming, diving and tennis facilities.

The 2024 host will be chosen by the International Olympic Committee in 2017. The deadline for submission of bids to the IOC is September 2015.

Under the IOC reforms passed last week in Monaco, host cities are encouraged to use existing and temporary venues. Events can be held outside the host city "or, in exceptional cases, outside the host country for reasons geography and sustainability."

Italian news reports have taken that new loophole to mean the Vatican might even host events.

"St. Peter's Square could fit right in — if the pope agrees," Francesco Ricci Bitti, the International Tennis Federation president who heads the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, told The Associated Press.

Monsignor Melchor Sanchez de Toca, undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture — which runs the Vatican sport de partment — said CONI officials have a very good relationship with the office and have discussed the Olympic bid and other areas for collaboration.

"But no commitments have been made," he told The AP, adding that CONI would be at the Vatican on Friday for a Mass celebrating the committee's 100th anniversary.

"We need to see what the people think," said three-time Olympic canoe champion Antonio Rossi, now a politician in the northern Lombardy region. "Let's not forget that 2½ years ago the polls said 90 percent of Italians agreed with Monti's 'No."



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Italian Premier Matteo Renzi speaks at Italian Olympic Committee headquarters in Rome on Monday. Renzi said Rome will bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics. The 2024 host will be chosen in 2017.



A Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer tends to Carolina quarterback Cam Newton after he was injured in a car accident.

## **Snap:** Texans clinging to slim playoff hopes

practice field today, and they'll see it all week. Like I said, it's easy to be written off. We've been written off all year. ... We like where we're at, and we like the guys who are playing for us, and he's one of them."

Houston's playoff hopes are dangling by a thread — the 7-7 Texans have three 8-6 teams in front of them that likewise aren't among the top six seeds — and they're also reshuffling at quarterback. They lost Ryan Fitzpatrick to a broken leg Sunday, and backup Tom Savage sustained a knee injury in the same game. Earlier, the Texans lost starter Ryan Mallett to a torn pectoral muscle

So Houston's quarterback decision for Sunday's game against Baltimore comes down to Case Keenum or Thad Lewis. Keenum started eight games for the Texans last season under coach Gary Kubiak and was cut in August, so he has some familiarity with the system of first-year coach Bill O'Brien. Lewis was a free agent signed last

"We'll divide the reps as we go through the week," O'Brien told reporters Monday. "We'll do a good job of taking a good look at both of them '

Even with a 5-8-1 record, Carolina is still in the playoff hunt in the lukewarm NFC South. Cam Newton, who suffered fractures in his back in a car accident last week, did not play in Sunday's victory over Tampa Bay. Derek Anderson filled in, and would do so against Cleveland on Sunday depending on what Panthers coach Ron Rivera sees from Newton this week

"The biggest factor will be whether or not they tell me he can protect himself," Rivera said Monday of Newton. "I don't want to put a guy out there if he can't protect himself. By that [I mean] being able to run out of the way, scramble out of the way to stay alive, keep the play alive by being able to get out of the way."
Washington has circled back to Robert

Griffin III for Saturday's game against Philadelphia, a day after Colt McCoy was sandwiched by a hit

that aggravated his I just neck injury. It marks want the Redskins' fifth starting quarterback somebody change this season. to take the "He's got every chance position against the Philadeland run phia Eagles to take this

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who stepped in for the injured McCoy against the New York Giants on Sunday and threw for 236 yards and a touchdown but also was sacked seven times and lost one of his three fumbles.

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it," Redskins coach Jay

Gruden said of Griffin,

"I'd like to see him have some urgency about him and play well," Gruden said, "and hopefully there won't be much of a debate if he does well."

At 3-11, the Redskins are guaranteed to finish last in the NFC East for the sixth

time in seven seasons. The near-constant quarterback shuffle has exemplified the sense of futility.

"It's not what you want," Gruden said. "You want somebody to take the position and play and have success, obviously. But unfortunately Robert got hurt early, Kirk (Cousins) had turnover issues, and Colt took an opportunity and ran with it and then Colt got the injury.
"Now we're back to Robert. I have noth-

ing against all three. I think all three quarterbacks have a good future. I just want somebody to take the position and run with it, and hopefully we'll see something like that this week with Robert.'

The Thursday night game, Tennessee at Jacksonville, features a pair of 2-12 teams in the thick of the "race" for the No. 1 overall pick in the Draft. And each likely will be without its regular quarterback.

Charlie Whitehurst is expected to finish the season for the Titans, who lost both Jake Locker and Zach Mettenberger to injuries. And, because of a foot injury to rookie Blake Bortles, the Jaguars could be turning to Chad Henne.

Philadelphia is sticking with Mark Sanchez for Saturday's game at Washington. Eagles coach Chip Kelly said Monday that the collarbone of quarterback Nick Foles has yet to heal sufficiently.

Cleveland's Johnny Manziel had a disastrous debut against Cincinnati, but the Browns are sticking with him for Sunday's game at Carolina instead of switching back to the benched Brian Hoyer.

#### Kosar rips Browns' front office

CLEVELAND - Former Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar unloaded on the team's front office, saying it lacks vision and switching to rookie Johnny Manziel "is a recipe for disaster."

Cleveland's best quarterback in the past 30 years and one of the most popular players in team history, Kosar delivered a harsh critique of his former team in an interview with WTAM radio Monday. Kosar condemned the Browns' current regime.

"They don't know how to lead and organize and set a culture to play winning football, to win in the NFL consistently," Kosar said. "You can't play football like this."

Manziel made his first start Sunday and played poorly in a 30-0 loss to Cincinnati. Kosar, who led the Browns to three AFC title games, called the Browns' constant rotation of quarterbacks — Manziel is the 21st starter since 1999 — part of a "systemic" organizational problem.

"They've been talking so positively like, 'This is the savior,' and that's what bad organizations do." Kosar said. "They set these quarterback controversies up and it kind of takes the heat off of them and it gives everybody a little glimmer of hope. You can't put these kids in these spots. It's almost abuse.

The Browns declined comment.

#### Murray has broken hand

IRVING, Texas - NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray has a broken left hand in what could be a damaging blow to the playoff hopes of the Dallas Cowboys. Murray was set for surgery Monday and

might be sidelined Sunday at home against Indianapolis, already a playoff qualifier. Even though the Cowboys just beat Phila-delphia to take the NFC East lead, they might have to win both of their remaining games to end a four-year postseason

Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones said on his radio show Monday that it was "probably a tough expectation" that Murray would play against Indianapolis (10-4), though he wouldn't rule it out.

## **Bucs' McCoy done for season**

TAMPA, Fla. - A bad season got a little more miserable for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Monday.

Two-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Gerald McCoy will finish the year on injured reserve, missing the Buccaneers' final two games because of a sprained right knee.

It's the third time since McCoy entered the NFL as the third overall pick in the 2010 draft that an injury has ended his season prematurely. He started all 16 games each of the past two seasons, making the Pro Bowl and setting himself up to become the league's highest-paid player at his position in October, when he signed a sevenyear extension worth up to \$98 million.

- The Associated Press

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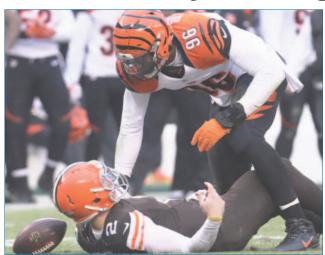




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## **Pro debut 'very humbling' for QB Manziel**



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Bengals defensive end Carlos Dunlap hovers over Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel after a third quarter scramble on Sunday, Cincinnati's defense humbled the Cleveland rookie in his first NFL start.

## No score for first time in rookie's career

By Tom WITHERS The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Along with being sacked, taunted, embarrassed and generally mistreated Sunday by the Cincinnati Bengals, Johnny Manziel got humbled.

The Browns rookie quarterback said Monday that his first NFL start, a 30-0 loss that essentially eliminated Cleveland from the playoffs, was the toughest day he's ever had on a football field.

"It's the first game I've ever not scored a point in and been shut out," Manziel said. "I've played in a lot of games from high school through college, and that one, and I've never been shut out until then. It was definitely tough."

And humbling?

"Absolutely," he said. "Very humbling."

Unable to move Cleveland's offense, Manziel completed just 10 of 18 passes for 80 yards. He was intercepted twice, chased around like a fox trying to escape hungry hounds and looked lost in the Browns' biggest game of the season. It wasn't the debut he, legions of his fans or anyone in Cleveland's organization had in mind when he was promoted to replace Brian

Hoyer after 13 games.
"You just don't really envision
that in your head when you're
good throughout the week and
you have a really good week of
practice," Manziel said. "You feel
really confident and really prepared, and then something like
that happens."

The Browns ran just 38 offensive plays, gained 107 total yards, crossed the 50-yard line just once and got only five first downs — two of them via defensive penalties.

The team was bad, Manziel was bad but coach Mike Pettine,

whose decision to start Manziel is now being debated as aggressively as his choice to bench Hoyer, said the performance doesn't cast any doubts on his potential to be a franchise quarterback.

"I think it's too small a sample size." Pettine said. "When you look at how we played around him, I think it's very unfair to judge what somebody's career is going to be like off of their first start. I'm sure you could go back and find a lot of regrettable performances in the first start."

Pettine reiterated the Browns (7-7) will stick with Manziel over the final two games against Carolina and Baltimore. The team isn't viewing it as an audition for Manziel's future. Pettine said there's a chance the team could go into the offseason with its quarterback situation unclear because three games isn't long enough to accurrately evaluate any quarterback

## Bengals staff used college footage to come up with defense strategy

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Paul Guenher was nervous all week, something that's very unusual for Cincinnati's first-year defensive coordinator. The reason: Johnny Manziel had played so little in the NFL that there wasn't much to give him a read on how to rattle the rookie quarterback.

What to do?

Guenther started pulling out the college video and came up with a plan that worked perfectly.

Taking a cue from LSU and Missouri, Guenther's defens made the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner look like he still belonged back at Texas A&M. The Bengals knocked Manziel around — and mocked him by repeatedly doing his "money" gesture — during a 30-0 victory on Sunday.

The victory kept the Bengals

1 ne victory kept the bengals (9-41) a half-game ahead of Pittsburgh and Baltimore in the AFC North and gave a little momentum to a defense that feels it has something to prove.

"We've had some games where

we kind of blown up a little bit, particularly in those games we lost," Guenther said on Monday. "We've given up a lot of yards with a lot of points."

Cincinnati has allowed 500

cincinnation as allowed 500 yards in three games this season, a franchise record. The Browns beat the Bengals 24-3 at Paul Brown Stadium on Nov. 6 with Brian Hoyer at quarterback.

Guenther was worried about what Manziel would do in his starting debut Sunday because of his ability to run and improvise. So he started pulling out the college video to see what worked then.

He looked at LSU's 34-10 win over Texas A&M — Manziel was 16-for-41 for 224 yards with two interceptions — and Missouri's 28-21 victory in which he threw for only 195 yards. The common theme: Force him to run to his right, take away the scramble.

"They kind of moved him one side and kept him in the pocket," Guenther said. "Those were his worst two games in college, so you could see obviously what their plan was, to keep him in

#### By the numbers

38

The number of offensive plays the Browns ran against the Bengals.

**10** 

The number of passes Johnny Manziel completed in 18 attempts on Sunday.

3

Number of times the Bengals defense sacked Manziel.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

the pocket or move him to a side where he wasn't throwing."

Worked just like it did in college. Manziel had a dreadful starting debut, completing 10 of 18 passes for 80 yards with three sacks, two interceptions and a passer rating of 27.3. The Browns didn't top 100 yards on offense until the final play of the game.

Everyone on defense got a game ball from Cincinnati's first shutout in six years.

"A guy like that, if you give him time to run around and set up, he'll hurt you," end Wallace Gilberry said. "We knew if we corralled him and got in his face and stayed in his face, it would be a hard day for him and that's what we did."

Now the Bengals switch from preparing for a raw rookie to one of the best of all time. They host Denver (11-3) and Peyton Manning on Monday night, which amounts to a double whammy for Cincinnati.

## Dysfunctional Falcons still have shot at making playoffs

By George Henry The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Coach Mike Smith keeps searching for ways to fix the Atlanta Falcons, and nothing works. Since finishing 10 yards shy of the Super

Bowl two years ago, the Falcons have been a model of dysfunction on the field. They are 9-21 over the last two years and

They are 9-21 over the last two years and have lost three of five entering Sunday's game at New Orleans.

"Every time we go out there, we know

what we're up against and how we're going to be evaluated," Smith said on Monday. "So it hurts, but we've learned from those losses and we've learned from what happened yesterday."

Victories over the Saints and Carolina would make Atlanta 7-9 and give Smith his third NFC South title in seven seasons.

That might be hard to imagine considering how poorly the Falcons have played this year, but their division is one of the weakest in league history.

"We all understand where we're at,"

Smith said. "We know we control our own destiny. It doesn't matter what anyone else does. The first thing we have to do is go down and play very well and win the game in New Orleans."

Falcons owner Arthur Blank hasn't said publicly if the coach will return next year, but Smith insists that he's not fretting about job security and is focused solely on helping Atlanta beat the Saints

helping Atlanta beat the Saints. It won't be easy. Smith is 1-5 at New Orleans, 4-9 in the series.

"The playoffs start for us right away,"

running back Steven Jackson said. "It's going to be a tough one on the road, but we'll be ready for it."

Smith will need to coach a nearly perfect game and avoid clock management gaffes that allowed Detroit and Cleveland to kick last-second winning field goals.

Quarterback Matt Ryan, who threw an interception against Pittsburgh that conerback William Gay returned for a 52-yard score, could help Smith's cause by playing a mistake-free game. Ryan has thrown a pick in each of the last four games.

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## Saints grab NFC South lead

### New Orleans makes it look easy against Chicago after dropping 4 of previous 5

By Andrew Seligman The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Drew Brees saw a different attitude, noticed a better vibe this time.

Jimmy Graham could sense it, too.

"You should have heard this locker room before the game started," he said. "We need to come out every week just like that.'

There was plenty for the Saints to like about their 31-15 victory over the Chicago Bears on Monday night.

Brees threw for 375 yards and three touchdowns, and New Orleans (6-8) moved into first place ahead of Carolina (5-8-1) and Atlanta (5-9) after losing four of its previous five games. The Saints also rebounded from a 41-10 loss to the Panthers.

"I saw a lot of enthusiasm," Brees said. "I saw a lot of guys just ready to play. And I think just ready to go out there and turn it loose, not play with any inhibitions, not play with any caution, paralysis by over-analysis. Just come out and play ball and do it like we normally can do.

He figures the Saints will find out more about themselves the final two weeks, with a home game against Atlanta followed by a trip to Tampa Bay.

Here are some things we learned from the

Saints' victory over the Bears:

Brees-ing along: Brees made it look easy after a shaky game last week, completing 29 of 36 passes and reached the 4,000-yard mark for the ninth consecutive season. He threw two touchdown passes to Josh Hill and another to Marques Colston.

"The focus he prepares with is very consistent," coach Sean Payton said. "It really became a little bit more about this team playing together and trying to put four good quarters together

Clamping down: Calling this an improvement for the Saints' defense would be a mild understatement. New Orleans held Chicago (5-9) to 278 yards after giving up more than 400 in four successive games. They sacked Jay Cutler seven times to go with three interceptions, bringing his NFL-leading turnover

"I think it was 11 guys out there executing," said David Hawthorne, who had three sacks. "It was the guys out there covering, giving me time to come up the middle. And it was Rob (Ryan) with perfect timing when to dial it up. Once we found something he stayed with it

Not cutting it: Cutler went 17-for-31 for 194 yards and had a season-low 55.8 rating. He wasn't at his best afterward, either.

Cutler answered three questions and walked out of the postgame press conference after he was told most of the media had just been alerted he was at the podium and were on their way.

"We're going to wait for them?" he said and

That happened after Cutler scored points with the public for his professional response to the Aaron Kromer situation.

Kromer, Chicago's offensive coordinator, acknowledged he was a source behind a critical report by the NFL Network about Cutler, owning up to it in public Friday after earlier asking players and coaches for forgiveness.

Unhappy fans: Bears fans made their feelings clear by not showing up. There were 10,749 no-shows on a soggy night, and that might not have been a bad thing for the Bears. The fans who came out clearly were not happy, showering the team with boos at halftime with the Saints up 14-0.



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New Orleans Saints tight end Jimmy Graham leaps over Chicago Bears free safety Brock Vereen (45) after catching a pass from quarterback Drew Brees during the second half of Monday night's 31-15 victory over the Bears in Chicago.

## **SPORTS**



#### **Somber times**

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hese quarterback audibles aren't about deception. They're about desperation. With the clock winding down on the NFL regular season, several teams are being forced to make a change at the most pivotal position.

It's a case of next man up ... and under center. The Arizona Cardinals are the NFC's top-seeded team, yet they're making their fourth quarterback change of the fall. They're going with Ryan Lindley against Seattle on Sunday, after losing Carson Palmer and Drew Stanton to injuries, and briefly giving rookie Logan Thomas a try.

Cardinals coach Bruce Arians, whose team

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has clinched a playoff berth, was asked Monday about the notion there aren't a lot of people outside the organization who believe Lindley can

"There doesn't need to be," Arians said. "The only ones that need to believe (are) in that locker room, and they believe it. They saw it on the **SEE SNAP ON PAGE 29** 



Houston's Ryan Fitzpatrick is treated on the field after bei injured during the first half against Indianapolis.

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